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Japan Joint Staff Office

Regarding the FY 2025 Japan-U.S. Joint Integrated Air and Missile Defense (Defensive) Exercise

The Japan Self-Defense Forces (JSDF) will conduct the FY 2025 Japan-U.S. Joint Integrated Air and Missile Defense (Defensive) Exercise as outlined below.

This exercise aims to enhance tactical proficiency, strengthen bilateral coordination, and improve interoperability by conducting simulated training of Japan-U.S. joint responses related to integrated air defense and missile defense, with the objective of establishing a robust Japan-U.S. missile defense network. Through such exercises, the JSDF and the U.S. Armed Forces will continue to maintain and enhance the readiness and capabilities necessary to proactively contribute to regional peace and stability.

1. Objective

To maintain and enhance the Japan Self-Defense Forces' (JSDF) integrated operational capabilities and Japan-U.S. joint response capabilities required for domestic air defense and missile defense.

2. Period

From Monday, February 23 to Thursday, February 26, 2026

3. Locations

- (1) Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) Yokosuka Area
- (2) Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF):
Chitose Air Base, Misawa Air Base, Yokota Air Base, Iruma Air Base, Gifu Air Base, Kasuga Air Base, Naha Air Base, Kasumigaura Sub-Base, and Aibano Sub-Base
- (3) U.S. Forces Japan facilities (Yokota Air Base, Yokosuka Naval Base, and Kadena Air Base), and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, United States of America

4. Major Training Activities

Tactical-level responses related to integrated air and missile defense.

5. Participating Units

- (1) Japan Self-Defense Forces:
Joint Operations Command, Self-Defense Fleet, and Air Defense Command
- (2) U.S. Forces:
94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command, 38th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment, U.S. 7th Fleet, 613th Air Operations Center, and Fifth Air Force

6. Other

This exercise has been conducted as a Japan-U.S. joint integrated exercise since FY 2017, and this year marks the ninth iteration.