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Japan Joint Staff

(Announcement)

Japan-U.S.-Australia Trilateral Exercise

Japan Self Defense Force (JSDF), the United States (U.S.) Armed Forces, and the Australian Defence Force (ADF) conducted a trilateral exercise amid an increasingly severe security environment surrounding Japan. This trilateral exercise reaffirms the strong will among Japan, U.S. and Australia not to tolerate unilateral changes to the status quo by force. This also confirms the close coordination among JSDF, U.S. Armed Forces, and ADF, and further strengthens practical defense cooperation among the three nations to enhance regional deterrence.

1. Date

May 21st, 2026

2. Exercise Area

The airspace over the Pacific Ocean, east of Okinawa

3. Participating Units

(1) Japan Air Self-Defense Force

F-15 x 4, 9th Air Wing

RC-2 x 1, Airborne Warning and Control Wing

(2) U.S. Armed Forces

F-22 x 3

F-35A x 4

F/A-18 x 2

KC-135 x 2

KC-130 x 1

(3) Royal Australian Air Force

P-8A x 1

KC-30A x 1

4. Types of Exercise

Tactical exercises

