Japan–US bilateral exercise (ILEX21-1)

The JMSDF conducted a bilateral exercise with the U.S. Navy as described below.

1. **Objectives**
   To improve JMSDF's tactical capabilities and strengthen the relationship with the United States Navy

2. **Date**
   FEB 13th (SAT), 2021

3. **Exercise Area**
   In the vicinity of Okinawa

4. **Participating Units**
   (1) JMSDF
       *JS TOWADA*
   (2) USN
       *USNS Charles Drew*

5. **Type of exercises**
   Replenishment exercise

6. **Other**
   Preventive measures against COVID-19 were implemented during the exercise.
Replenishment exercise (From the left, JS TOWADA and USNS Charles Drew)

JS TOWADA and USNS Charles Drew during replenishment exercise.