Japan-US Bilateral Exercise (ILEX21-2)

The JMSDF conducted a bilateral exercise with the U.S. Navy to strengthen ability of Japan-US alliance to deter and counter threats as described below.

1. **Objectives**
   (1) To improve JMSDF’s tactical capabilities
   (2) To improve interoperability between Japan and U.S.

2. **Period**
   MAY 22

3. **Exercise Area**
   South of Shikoku

4. **Participating units**
   (1) JMSDF : JS HAMANA
   (2) USN : USS AMERICA

5. **Type of exercise**
   Replenishment at sea

6. **Notes**
   Preventive measures against COVID-19 were implemented during the exercise.
USS AMERICA, approaching JS HAMANA.
(From the left, JS HAMANA and USS AMERICA.)

JS HAMANA and USS AMERICA, conducting a replenishment at sea.
(From the left, JS HAMANA and USS AMERICA.)