(Announcement)

**Japan-US Bilateral Exercise**

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**
   June 4

3. **Exercise Area**
   Sea of Japan

4. **Participating units**
   (1) JMSDF : JS ATAGO
   (2) USN : 2 EA-18Gs

5. **Type of exercise**
   Air defense operation and electronic warfare

6. **Notes**
   Preventive measures against COVID-19 were implemented during the exercise.
From the front, JS *ATAGO* and EA-18G.