Japan-U.S. Bilateral Exercise

The JMSDF conducted a bilateral exercise with the U.S. Navy to strengthen the capability of Japan-U.S. Alliance for effective deterrence and response as described below.

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

2. Period
   August 22-23

3. Area
   East of Okinawa

4. Participating units
   (1) JMSDF: JS SHIMOKITA
   (2) USN: USS NEW ORLEANS

5. Type of exercise
   Tactical exercise

6. Notes
   Preventive measures against COVID-19 were implemented during the exercise.
The commander of JS SHIMOKITA seeing USS NEW ORLEANS off.

From bottom, USS NEW ORLEANS and JS SHIMOKITA.