Press Release

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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

Japan-U.S. Bilateral Exercise

The Indo-Pacific Deployment 2021 (IPD21) units conducted a bilateral exercise with the U.S. Navy in order 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. Date
   September 29

3. Exercise Area
   Eastern of the Indian Ocean

4. Participating units
   (1) JMSDF: JS KAGA, JS MURASAME
   (2) USN: USNS YUKON

5. Type of exercises
   Tactical exercise

6. Notes
   (1) The IPD21 units visits Colombo, Republic of Sri Lanka, from 2 to 4 October.
   (2) Preventive measures against COVID-19 were implemented during the exercise.
From the left, USNS YUKON and JS KAGA

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