(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. Period
   October 29-November 4

3. Exercise Area
   South China Sea

4. Participating units
   (1) JMSDF: JS KAGA, JS MURASAME
   (2) USN: USS CARL VINSON, USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN, USS SHILOH, USS MILIUS

5. Type of exercises
   Tactical exercise

6. Notes
   (1) JS KAGA and JS MURASAME makes port visit to Cam Ranh, Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, from 5 to 7 November.
   (2) Preventive measures against COVID-19 were implemented during the exercise.
USS CARL VINSON, JS KAGA and other participating units