(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
   November 8-12

3. Exercise Area
   South China Sea

4. Participating units
   (1) JMSDF: JS KAGA, JS MURASAME
   (2) USN: USS MILIUS

5. Type of exercises
   Tactical exercise

6. Notes
   (1) JS KAGA and JS MURASAME makes port visit to Subic, Republic of Philippines, from 12 to 14 November.
   (2) Preventive measures against COVID-19 were implemented during the exercise.
From the left, JS *KAGA* and USS *MILIUS*