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 14-17

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) On November 16, participating units in this exercise also conducted a Japan-U.S. Bilateral Anti-Submarine Warfare Exercise, announced before.
   (2) Preventive measures against COVID-19 were implemented during the exercise.
From the front USS MILIUS, JS KAGA(Right), JS MURASAME(Left)