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(Announcement)

Japan-U.S. Bilateral Exercise (ILEX22-1)

The JMSDF 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

May 18

3. Exercise Area

In the vicinity of Okinawa

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *HAMANA*
- (2) USN: USS *RAFAEL PERALTA*

5. Type of exercise

Replenishment at Sea

6. Notes

Preventive measures against COVID-19 were implemented during the exercise.



From the front, JS *HAMANA*, USS *RAFAEL PERALTA*