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Maritime Staff Office

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Japan-U.S. Bilateral Exercise

The JMSDF will conduct 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 expend experienced people who can respond actual mission quickly.
- (2) To check the ability of equipped weapons.
- (3) To strengthen interoperability with U.S. Navy.

2. Period

June 21-30

3. Exercise Area

Around Iwo-To

4. Participate units

JMSDF: JS *BUNGO*, JS *HIRADO*, JS *HIRASHIMA*, JS *SUGASHIMA*, JS *UKUSHIMA*,
JS *AISHIMA*, JS *KUROSHIMA*

USN: 5th EOD Mobile Unit

5. Type of Exercise

Mine Warfare Exercise (Mine Sweeping, Mine Hunting and Mine spotting by EOD)

6. Notes

- (1) JMSDF has conducted live mine disposal exercise since 1972. and this exercise is 49th.
- (2) JMSDF has conducted bilateral live mine disposal exercise. It is twice.
- (3) Preventive measures against COVID-19 will be implemented during the exercise.