

PRESS RELEASE

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Japan-U.S. Bilateral Exercise

The Indo-Pacific Deployment 2022 (IPD22) 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

June 17-19

3. Exercise Area

Pacific Ocean

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *IZUMO*, JS *TAKANAMI*
- (2) USN: USS *SAMPSON*, USNS *RAPPAHANNOCK*

5. Type of exercise

Tactical exercise (Air Defense exercise, Replenishment at Sea, etc.)

6. Notes

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



From the left, JS TAKANAMI, USS *SAMPSON* (front), JS *IZUMO* (back)



From the front, USNS *RAPPAHANNOCK* (left), JS *IZUMO* (right), JS TAKANAMI