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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 improve JMSDF's mine warfare capabilities
- (2) To improve interoperability with the U.S. Navy

### 2. Period

July 17-29

### 3. Exercise Area

Mutsu-Bay

### 4. Participate units

JMSDF: 1MST, 2MSO, 10MSC, 2MCH-101, 4P-3C and 2P-1

USN: 2MSO and 2MH-53E

### 5. Type of Exercise

Mine Warfare Exercise (Mine laying, Mine Sweeping, and Mine Hunting)

### 6. Notes

Preventive measures against COVID-19 will be implemented during the exercise.