



PRESS RELEASE

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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

Japan-U.S. Bilateral Exercise(ILEX22-5)

The Overseas Training Cruise 2022 unit 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

August 1

3. Exercise Area

Pacific Ocean

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *KASHIMA*, JS *SHIMAKAZE*
- (2) USN: USNS *RICHARD E. BYRD*

5. Type of exercise

Replenishment at Sea, etc.

6. Notes

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



From the left, JS *SHIMAKAZE*, USNS *RICHARD E. BYRD*



From the left, JS *KASHIMA*, USNS *RICHARD E. BYRD*