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Japan-U.S. Bilateral Exercise

The JMSDF will conduct a bilateral exercise with the U.S. Navy to strengthen the capability of Japan-U.S. Alliance for effective deterrence and response as described below.

1. Objectives

- (1) To improve the JMSDF's tactical capabilities
- (2) To improve interoperability between the U.S. Navy
- (3) To improve the JMSDF and the U.S. Navy bilateral response capabilities in the event of large-scale disaster

2. Period

September 16-19

3. Exercise Area

- (1) Surrounding Japan (Pacific Ocean)
- (2) Numazu Beach Training Area

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF : JS *OHSUMI*, *LCAC*
- (2) USN : USS *TRIPOLI*, USS *RUSHMORE*, *LCU*, *MH-60S*

5. Type of exercise

Beaching EX, Search and Rescue and PHOTOEX

6. Notes

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