



PRESS RELEASE

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(Announcement)

Result of SM-3 Launch Tests of the JS *MAYA* and JS *HAGURO* (Success)

The JMSDF conducted the SM-3 launch tests of the JS *MAYA* and JS *HAGURO* with support from the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Missile Defense Agency in order to confirm their functions for ballistic missile defense (BMD) as described below.

SM-3 Block IIA is an advanced interceptor missile for BMD that was jointly developed by the U.S. and Japan. It was the first time that a Japanese warship fired this missile. This success has further enhanced Japan's BMD capabilities.

1. Date

- (1) JS *MAYA* : November 16
- (2) JS *HAGURO*: November 19

2. Tests Area

In the vicinity of Hawaii

3. Participating units

JS *MAYA* and JS *HAGURO*

4. Outline of the Launch Tests

The JS *MAYA* and JS *HAGURO* launched SM-3 against ballistic missile targets launched from the U.S. Navy Missile Range Facility on Kauai island.

(1) JS *MAYA*

Launch SM-3 Block IIA (Enhanced interceptor missile jointly developed by Japan and the U.S.)

(2) JS *HAGURO*

Launch SM-3 Block IB

5. Test results

(1) JS *MAYA* : Successfully hit a target outside of the atmosphere

(2) JS *HAGURO*: Successfully hit a target outside of the atmosphere

6. Notes

- (1) This is the first time that two Japanese warships conducted SM-3 Launch Tests at the same period.
- (2) Two Japanese warships conducted a Simulated Launch to confirm the new functions.
- (3) Preventive measures against COVID-19 were implemented during the exercise.



Launch from JS *MAYA*



Launch from JS *HAGURO*