

**PRESS RELEASE**

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(Announcement)

Japan-U.S. Bilateral Exercise

The JMSDF conducted a bilateral exercise with the U.S. Navy (USN) in order 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 JMSDF and the USN

2. Period

January 15 - 23

3. Exercise Area

From south of Kanto to in the vicinity of Okinawa via south of Shikoku

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *ASHIGARA*
- (2) USN: USS *ANTIETAM*, USS *CHANCELLORSVILLE*, USS *SHILOH*,
USS *RAFAEL PERALTA*, USNS *JOHN ERICSSON*, USNS *WASHINGTON CHAMBERS*

5. Type of exercise

Tactical exercise (Anti-Air Warfare Exercise, Anti-Surface Warfare Exercise, Anti-Submarine Warfare Exercise), Replenishment at Sea, etc.

6. Notes

Preventive measures against COVID-19 were implemented during the exercise



From the left, USNS *JOHN ERICSSON* and JS *ASHIGARA*