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Maritime Staff Office

(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. Date

February 5

3. Exercise Area

South China Sea

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *MAKINAMI*
- (2) USN: USS *CHARLESTON*

5. Type of exercise

Tactical exercise (Anti-Surface Warfare Exercise, LINKEX), PHOTOEX, etc.

6. Notes

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



From the front, JS *MAKINAMI* and USS *CHARLESTON*



From the left, JS *MAKINAMI* and USS *CHARLESTON*