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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

Japan-U.S. Bilateral Exercise

The JMSDF will conduct 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

February 27-March 12

3. Exercise Area

- (1) Hiroshima bay
- (2) From West of Kyusyu to around Okinawa

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF : JS *OHSUMI*, JS *HIRASHIMA*, JS *YAKUSHIMA*, LCAC
- (2) USN : USS *AMERICA*, USS *ASHLAND*, USS *GREEN BAY*, LCAC, LCU, MH-60S

5. Type of exercise

Cross-Deck, Lead through Exercise, Search and Rescue Exercise, Boarding Exercise, PHOTOEX, etc.

6. Notes

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