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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

### Japan-U.S. Bilateral Exercise (ILEX23-2)

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 U.S. Navy

#### 2. Date

February 22

#### 3. Exercise Area

Sea of Japan

#### 4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *MASHU*
- (2) USN: USS *BARRY*

#### 5. Type of exercise

Replenishment at Sea

#### 6. Notes

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



From the front, JS *MASHU* and USS *BARRY*