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Japan- U.S. Bilateral Exercise (Cope Angel)

The JMSDF conducted a bilateral exercise “Cope Angel” with the U.S. Air Force (USAF) 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 USAF

2. Period

February 28 - March 3

3. Exercise Area

South of Shikoku and South of Kyushu

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: US-2
- (2) USAF: MC-130J, CV-22, HH-60

5. Type of exercises

Search and Rescue exercise

6. Notes

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



From the front, US-2 and MC-130J



Search and Rescue exercise