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## 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

March 24 - 25

### 3. Exercise Area

South China Sea

### 4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *KIRISAME*
- (2) USN: USS *CHUNG-HOON*, USS *MILIUS*

### 5. Type of exercise

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



From the front, USS *MILIUS* and USS *CHUNG-HOON*,



Group photo