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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

April 13 - 14

3. Exercise Area

South China Sea

4. Participating units

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

5. Type of exercise

Tactical Maneuvering, PHOTOEX, etc.



USS *MILIUS*



Trainees participating in the training