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(Announcement)

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

May 18 - 19

3. Exercise Area

From Pacific Ocean to East China Sea

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *ARIAKE*
- (2) USN: USS *NIMITZ*, USS *WAYNE E. MEYER*

5. Type of exercise

Tactical exercise (LINKEX, etc.)



From the front, JS *ARIAKE* and USS *NIMITZ*



JMSDF members conducting training