

# PRESS RELEASE

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(Announcement)

## Japan-U.S.-India-Italy Multilateral MCM/EOD Exercise

The JMSDF will conduct multilateral exercise in order to strengthen the capability of Japan-U.S. Alliance for effective deterrence and response and to enhance cooperation with the U.S., Indian, and Italian Navies as described below.

### 1. Objectives

- (1) To improve JMSDF's mine warfare capabilities
- (2) To strengthen cooperation with the participating Navies

### 2. Period

July 16-28

### 3. Exercise Area

Mutsu-Bay

### 4. Participating Units

#### (1) JMSDF:

Officer in Charge of the Exercise(OCE):

CAPT YAMAGUCHI Masashi Commander of Minesweeper Division3

Surface Units 13(MST (1), FFM (1), DD(1), MSO (2), MSC (8))

Aircrafts 8(MCH-101(2), P-3C (4), P-1(2))

#### (2) U.S. Navy:

OCE: Commander MCMRON7, Commander EODMU5

Surface Units: MCMV(MSO)

Aircrafts: MH-53E

Personel: EODMU5

#### (3) Indian Navy (IN):

OCE: Commander EOD unit

EOD divers

#### (4) Italian Navy (ITN):

OCE: Commander EOD unit

EOD divers

### 5. Type of Exercise

Mine Warfare Exercise (Mine laying, Mine Sweeping, Mine Hunting and Diving)