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(Announcement)

Japan-U.S. Bilateral Exercise (ILEX23-3)

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 U.S. Navy

2. Date

July 17

3. Exercise Area

Sea of Japan

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *MASHU*
- (2) USN: USS *RALPH JOHNSON*

5. Type of exercise

Replenishment at Sea



USS RALPH JOHNSON



JS MASHU and USS RALPH JOHNSON during Replenishment at Sea