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 28

3. Exercise Area
   Southeast of the kii Peninsula

4. Participating units
   (1) JMSDF: JS TOKIWA
   (2) USN: USS BENFOLD

5. Type of exercise
   Replenishment at Sea
Replenishment at Sea on USS BENFOLD

JMSDF members seeing of the USS BENFOLD