



PRESS RELEASE

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(Announcement)

Japan-U.S. Bilateral Exercise (ILEX23-5)

The Overseas Training Cruise 2023 units 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

Sep 19

3. Exercise Area

In the vicinity of San Diego

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *KASHIMA*, JS *HATAKAZE*
- (2) USN: USNS *HENRY J. KAISER*

5. Type of exercises

Replenishment at Sea



From the left, USNS *HENRY J. KAISER*, JS *KASHIMA*



From the left, JS *KASHIMA*, USNS *HENRY J. KAISER*



From the left, USNS *HENRY J. KAISER*, JS *HATAKAZE*



JMSDF members seeing of the USNS *HENRY J. KAISER*