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Maritime Staff Office

(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. Date

September 21

3. Exercise Area

Sagami Bay

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *YUUDACHI*
- (2) USN: USS *ROBART SMALLS*

5. Type of exercise

Tactical Maneuvering Exercise, PHOTOEX



From the front, USS *ROBERT SMALLS* and JS *YUUDACHI*



JMSDF members seeing of the USS *ROBERT SMALLS*