

PRESS RELEASE

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(Announcement)

Japan-U.S. Bilateral Exercise (Special Transport Exercise)

The JMSDF will conduct a bilateral exercise with the United States Navy (USN) 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
- (3) To improve the JMSDF and the USN bilateral response capabilities in the event of large-scale disaster

2. Period

September 25-October 3

3. Exercise Area

Western of Kyusyu to Suruga Bay via Off Shikoku and Numazu Beach Training Area

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF : JS *SHIMOKITA*, *LCAC*
 JS *MIKUMA*, JS *YAKUSHIMA*, JS *TAKASHIMA*, MCH-101
- (2) USN : *LCAC*

5. Type of exercise

Cross Deck (*LCAC*), Beaching Exercise, Search and Rescue Exercise,
LCAC maintenance Exercise and PHOTOEX

6. Notes

- (1) JS *SHIMOKITA* and *LCAC* will conduct training at Suruga Bay and Numazu Beach training Area.
- (2) The JMSDF has conducted a bilateral Beaching Exercise at Numazu Beach Training Area and this is the second time.