

(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 JMSDF's tactical capabilities
- (2) To improve interoperability between JMSDF and USN

2. Period

October 16 - 18

3. Exercise Area

South China Sea

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *AKEBONO*
- (2) USN: USS *DEWEY*, USS *GABRIELLE GIFFORDS*

5. Type of exercise

Tactical exercise (Tactical Maneuvering Exercise, LINKEX, etc.), PHOTOEX



JMSDF SH-60K that land on USS *DEWEY*



From the front, JS *AKEBONO* and USS *DEWEY*,