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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

Japan- U.S. Bilateral Exercise (Rescue Flag Okinawa)

The JMSDF conducted a bilateral exercise with the U.S. Air Force (USAF) together with the JASDF in order to strengthen the capability of the 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, the JASDF and the USAF

2. Period

October 23 – 27

3. Exercise Area

East of Yonaguni Island, east of Miyako Island and south of Okinawa Island.

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: US-2
- (2) JASDF: U-125A, UH-60J
- (3) USAF: MC-130J, HH-60G

5. Type of exercise

Search and Rescue exercise



Rescue exercise

From top: MC-130J, US-2,UH-60J



Rescue boat dispatched from US-2