

PRESS RELEASE

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(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. Period

November 26 – 30

3. Exercise Area

From East China Sea to South of Okinawa

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *KIRISAME*
- (2) USN: USS *CARL VINSON*, USS *KIDD*, USS *STERETT*, USNS *CHARLES DREW*,
USNS *YUKON*

5. Type of exercise

Tactical exercise (LINKEX, Cross Deck, etc.) and Replenishment at Sea



JS KIRISAME and *USNS YUKON* in Replenishment at Sea



JMSDF and USN personnel who participated in the exercise