

(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

December 6-7

### 3. Exercise Area

South China Sea

### 4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: *JS IKAZUCHI*
- (2) USS *GABRIELLE GIFFORDS*

### 5. Type of exercise

Tactical exercise (Tactical maneuvering exercise, LINKEX), PHOTOEX



USS *GABRIELLE GIFFORDS* (left) and JS *IKAZUCHI* (right) conducting training



JMSDF personnel leaving the USS *GABRIELLE GIFFORDS*