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(Announcement)

Japan-U.S. Bilateral Mine Warfare Exercise

The JMSDF will conduct 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 mine warfare capabilities
- (2) To improve interoperability between the JMSDF and the USN

2. Period

February 1-10

3. Exercise Area

Ise Bay

4. Participate units

(1) JMSDF

- (a) Officer in Charge of the Exercise (OCE):

RADM KANEZASHI Motoyuki

- (b) Participants

Surface Units (FFM(1), MST (1), MSO (3), MSC (8))

Aircraft (MCH-101 (1))

EODT

(2) USN

- (a) Officer in Charge of the Exercise (OCE):

Commanding officer of dispatch unit(MU5)

- (b) Participants

EODT, UUV operator etc.

5. Type of Exercise

Mine Warfare (Mine Laying, Mine Sweeping, Mine Hunting and EOD)