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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

## Japan-U.S. Bilateral Exercise

The Overseas Training Cruise units 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

February 14-15

### 3. Exercise Area

South China Sea

### 4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *SUZUNAMI*, JS *SHIMAKAZE*
- (2) USN: USS *JOHN FINN*

### 5. Type of exercise

Tactical exercise (LINKEX, COMMEX) and PHOTOEX



From the front, JS *SUZUNAMI* and USS *JOHN FINN*



From the right, JS *SUZUNAMI* and USS *JOHN FINN*