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Maritime Staff Office

(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 the 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

March 1-6

3. Exercise Area

Sumou-nada(West of Kyushu)

4. Participating units

(1) JMSDF

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

Commander Mine Division1/CAPT NOMA Toshihide

- (b) Participating units

JS HIRADO, JS TAKASHIMA

(2) USN

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

Commander MCMRON7

- (b) Participating units

Surface Units (MSO (2))

5. Type of Exercise

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

6. Other

This is the first time to conduct a bilateral mine warfare exercise in Sumou-nada.