

(Announcement)

Japan-U.S. Bilateral 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 tactical capabilities
- (2) To improve interoperability between the JMSDF and the USN

2. Period

March 7-16

3. Exercise Area

- (1) West of Kyusyu
- (2) From East China Sea to around Okinawa

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF : JS *KUNISAKI*, JS *ETAJIMA*, LCAC
- (2) USN : USS *AMERICA*, USS *GREEN BAY*, USS *WARRIOR*, LCAC, MH-60S

5. Type of exercise

Cross deck, Lead through exercise, Boarding exercise, LCAC maintenance exercise, PHOTOEX, etc.

6. Notes

This is the 46th bilateral exercise with U.S. Forces in this fiscal year.