Japan-U.S. Bilateral Exercise (ILEX24)

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 the JMSDF’s tactical capabilities
   (2) To improve interoperability between the JMSDF and the USN

2. Date
   March 17

3. Exercise Area
   Sea of Japan

4. Participating units
   (1) JMSDF: JS HAMANA
   (2) USN: USS HOPPER

5. Type of exercise
   Replenishment at Sea

6. Notes
   This is the 47th bilateral exercise with U.S. Forces in this fiscal year.
From the front, JS *HAMANA* and USS *HOPPER*

JMSDF personnel conducting training