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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

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