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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

Japan-U.S. Bilateral Exercise(SWATT24)

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. Period

March 18- April 6

(Harbor Phase: March 18 - 21)

(Sea Phase : March 22 - April 6)

3. Exercise Area

From Yokosuka to the East of Okinawa

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *KONGOU*
- (2) USN: USS *AMERICA*, USS *DEWEY*, USS *HIGGINS*, USS *HOWARD*,
USS *RALPH JOHNSON*, USNS *YUKON*,
Submarine

5. Type of exercise

(1) Harbor Phase

Subject Matter Expert Exchange etc.

(2) Sea Phase

Tactical exercise (Anti-air warfare exercise, Anti-submarine warfare exercise,
Anti-surface gunnery exercise, Electronic warfare exercise, Anti-air missile exercise),
Replenishment at sea

6. Notes

This is the first bilateral exercise with U.S. Navy in this fiscal year.



Japan-U.S. training participants



USN HELO landing on JS *KONGOU*



Japan-U.S. training participants



Gunnery exercise



Gunnery exercise



The U.S. Navy ships sailing in formation