



# PRESS RELEASE

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## Japan-U.S. Bilateral Exercise (ILEX24-2)

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

April 5

### 3. Exercise Area

Sea of Japan

### 4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *OUMI*
- (2) USN: USS *HOPPER*

### 5. Type of exercise

Replenishment at Sea

### 6. Notes

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



JS *OUMI* (left) conducted Replenishment at Sea with USS *HOPPER*(right)



From the left, USS *HOPPER*, JS *OUMI*



From the front, JS *OUMI* and USS *HOPPER*



JMSDF personnel conducting training