

PRESS RELEASE

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(Announcement)

Japan-U.S. Bilateral Mine Warfare / EOD Exercise

The JMSDF will conduct a bilateral MCM/EOD 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 mine warfare capabilities
- (2) To improve interoperability between the JMSDF and the USN

2. Period

April 15-26

3. Exercise Area

Guam Island and in the vicinity of Guam

4. Participating units

(1) JMSDF

- (a) Officer in Charge of the Exercise (OCE):
Commanding Officer of EOD Dispatch Unit

(b) Participants

Mine Warfare Force EOD Unit

(2) USN

- (a) Officer in Charge of the Exercise (OCE):
Commanding Officer of EOD. Mobile Unit 5(EODMU5)

(b) Participants

EODMU5

5. Type of Exercise

MCM and EOD training.

6. Other.

This is the first Bilateral MCM/EOD exercise conducted in Guam.