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(Announcement)

Live-MINEX24 (Japan-U.S. Bilateral MCM Exercise)

The JMSDF conducted a bilateral MCM, mine counter measure, exercise with the U.S. Navy (USN) in order to enhance and strengthen the capability of Japan-U.S. Alliance for effective deterrence and response as described below.

1. Objectives

- (1) To improve JMSDF's tactical capabilities.
- (2) To improve joint operational capabilities with the USN

2. Period

June 17-29

3. Exercise Area

In the vicinity of Iwo-To

4. Participating units

(1) JMSDF

OCE (Officer in Charge of the Exercise): RADM IKEUCHI Izuru, Commander Mine Warfare Force

Units: Surface Units (FFM(1), MST (2), MSO (1), MSC (5))

(2) USN

OCE: Commanding Officer of Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Five(EODMU5)

Participants: USN EOD sailors

5. Type of Exercise

Mine Warfare (Mine Sweeping, Mine Hunting and EODEX)

6. Notes

- (1) The JMSDF has conducted live mine disposal exercise since 1972, and this is the 51st exercise.
- (2) This is the 4th bilateral exercise, the JMSDF has conducted Japan-U.S. bilateral live mine disposal exercise.