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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

MINEX/EOD24-2JA and IBP24.3 (Japan-U.S. Bilateral MCM Exercise)

The JMSDF will conduct a bilateral MCM 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 JMSDF's tactical capabilities
- (2) To improve joint operational capabilities with the USN

2. Period

July 16-28

3. Exercise Area

Mutsu-Bay

4. Participating units

(1) JMSDF etc.

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

Units: Surface Units (FFM (2), MST (2), MSO (3), MSC (8)),
Aircraft (P-1/P-3C(5), MCH-101(2)) etc.

(2) USN

OCE: Commanding Officer of Mine Countermeasure Squadron 7(MCMRON7)

Units: Surface Units (MCMV (2)), Autonomous MCM System (UUVs,USVs)

Air Units (MH-53E (2))

Participants: USN EOD sailors

5. Type of Exercise

Mine Warfare (Mine Laying, Mine Sweeping, Mine Hunting), EODEX and IBP24.3

6. Notes

- (1) The JMSDF has conducted mine warfare exercise in Mutsu-Bay since 1964, and this is the 43rd exercise.
- (2) The JMSDF will conduct IBP24.3, Integrated Battle Problem 24.3, to demonstrate autonomous underwater capabilities with the USN.
- (3) UAV(MQ-9B) will conduct a flyover in the exercise area as part of its operational trial.