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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

Japan- U.S. Bilateral Exercise (Rescue Flag IWAKUNI)

The JMSDF conducted a bilateral exercise with the U.S. Air Force (USAF) along with the JASDF in order to strengthen the capability of the Japan-U.S. Alliance for effective deterrence and response as described below.

1. Objectives

- (1) To improve the JMSDF's tactical capabilities
- (2) To strengthen cooperation among the JMSDF, the JASDF, and the USAF

2. Period

July 8 - 12

3. Exercise Area

In the vicinity of JMSDF Iwakuni Air Base and Bungo Channel

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: US-2
- (2) JASDF: U-125A, UH-60J
- (3) USAF: MC-130J

5. Type of exercise

Search and Rescue exercise



JMSDF US-2 and USAF MC-130J



The pre-exercise briefing



JMSDF and USAF members conducting exercise



Group photo after the exercise