

(Announcement)

Japan-U.S. Bilateral Exercise (Special Transport Exercise)

The JMSDF will conduct a bilateral exercise with the United States Navy (USN) 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. Period

September 12-15

3. Exercise Area

Off Shikoku to Suruga Bay

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF : JS *SHIMOKITA*, LCAC
- (2) USN : USS *AMERICA*, MH-60S

5. Type of Exercise

Cross Deck, Search and Rescue Exercise, and PHOTOEX