



PRESS RELEASE

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Japan-U.S. Bilateral Exercise (ILEX24-5)

The Overseas Training Cruise units conducted a bilateral exercise with the United States Navy (USN) as described below in order to strengthen cooperation to realize a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific”.

1. Objectives

- (1) To improve the JMSDF’s tactical capabilities
- (2) To improve interoperability between the JMSDF and the USN

2. Date

September 20

3. Exercise Area

The Atlantic Ocean

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF
JS KASHIMA, JS SHIMAKAZE
- (2) USN
USNS HARVEY MILK

5. Type of Exercise

Replenishment at Sea



Replenishment at Sea (JS *KASHIMA* (left) and USNS *HARVEY MILK* (right))



Replenishment at Sea (USNS *HARVEY MILK* (left) and JS *SHIMAKAZE* (right))



JMSDF members conducting training



JMSDF members seeing of USNS *HARVEY MILK*