



PRESS RELEASE

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Japan-U.S. Bilateral Exercise

The Overseas Training Cruise units conducted a bilateral exercise with the U.S. 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 strengthen cooperation with the USN

2. Date

September 21

3. Exercise Area

The Atlantic Ocean

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF
JS KASHIMA, JS SHIMAKAZE
- (2) USN
USS GERALD R FORD

5. Type of Exercise

Tactical Maneuvering, COMMEX, PHOTOEX



USS GERALD R FORD



JS KASHIMA (front), USS GERALD R FORD (left), JS SHIMAKAZE (right)



JS *SHIMAKAZE* and the helicopter of USS *GERALD R FORD*



JMSDF members seeing of USS *GERALD R FORD*