



# PRESS RELEASE

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## Japan-U.S. Bilateral Exercise

The Overseas Training Cruise unit 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

October 4

### 3. Exercise Area

Pacific Ocean

### 4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF  
*JS KASHIMA, JS SHIMAKAZE*
- (2) USN  
*USS ST. LOUIS*

### 5. Type of Exercise

Tactical Maneuvering, PHOTOEX



From the front, USS *ST. LOUIS* and JS *SHIMAKAZE*



USN MH-60R



From the front, USS *ST. LOUIS* and JS *SHIMAKAZE*



JMSDF members seeing of the USS *ST. LOUIS*