

# PRESS RELEASE

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## Mine Warfare Exercise (Ise Bay) and Japan-U.S. Bilateral MCM Exercise

The JMSDF will conduct a bilateral exercise with the U.S. Navy (USN) as described below in order to strengthen the capability of Japan-U.S. Alliance for effective deterrence and response.

### 1. Objectives

- (1) To improve the JMSDF's tactical capabilities
- (2) To improve interoperability with the USN

### 2. Period

February 1-10

### 3. Exercise Area

Ise Bay

### 4. Participating units

#### (1) JMSDF

##### (a) Officer in Charge of the Exercise (OCE):

RADM IKEUCHI Izuru, Commander, Mine Warfare Force

##### (b) Participants

Surface Units (FFM (1), MST (1), MSO (2), MSC (8), SS(1))

Aircraft (MCH-101 (2)), EODT

#### (2) USN

##### (a) Officer in Charge of the Exercise (OCE):

Commanding officer of dispatch unit (EODMU5)

##### (b) Participants

EODT, UUV operators etc.

### 5. Type of Exercise

Mine Warfare (Mine Laying, Mine Sweeping, Mine Hunting and EOD)