



# PRESS RELEASE

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(Announcement)

## Participation in Multilateral Exercise (IMX/CE25) hosted by the U.S.

The Indo-Pacific Middle East Deployment 2025 (IMED25) unit will participate in a multilateral exercise (IMX/CE25) hosted by the U.S. 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 enhance mutual understanding and strengthen relationship with the participating countries

### 2. Period

February 9-21

### 3. Exercise Area

Kingdom of Bahrain and surrounding area.

### 4. Participate units

- (1) Commanding Officer: CAPT AMANO Shinsuke, Commander, Minesweeper Division 3
- (2) Units: JS *BUNGO* (MST 464), JS *ETAJIMA* (MSO 306) (IMED25 Unit)

### 5. Type of Exercise

Mine Warfare Exercise, etc.

### 6. Notes

The JMSDF has participated in IMX/CE since 2017, and this is the 5th time.