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## Japan-U.S. Bilateral Exercise

The JMSDF conducted a bilateral exercise with the United States 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 between the JMSDF and the USN

### 2. Period

February 9-10

### 3. Exercise Area

The South China Sea

### 4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *ASAHI*
- (2) USN: USS *DEWEY*

### 5. Type of Exercise

Tactical Exercises (Surface Warfare Exercise etc.), PHOTOEX



From the front, JS *ASAHI*, USS *DEWEY*



From the left, JS *ASAHI*, USS *DEWEY*



*USS DEWEY*