

**PRESS RELEASE**

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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

Japan-U.S. Bilateral 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 mine warfare capabilities
- (2) To improve interoperability with the USN

2. Period

April 7-11

3. Exercise Area

Guam Island and its vicinity

4. Participating units

(1) JMSDF

- (a) Officer in Charge of the Exercise (OCE)
Commanding Officer of EOD Dispatch Unit

(b) Participants

Mine Warfare Force EOD Unit

(2) USN

- (a) Officer in Charge of the Exercise (OCE)
Commanding Officer of EOD Mobile Unit 5 (EODMU5)

(b) Participants

EODMU5

5. Type of Exercise

MCM and EOD training