

# PRESS RELEASE

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(Announcement)

## Japan-U.S. Bilateral Exercise

The JMSDF conducted a bilateral exercise with the U.S. Navy (USN) as described below in order to strengthen the capability of the 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

April 7 - 25

(Harbor Phase: April 7 - 11)

(Sea Phase: April 13 - 25)

### 3. Exercise Area

From Yokosuka to the East of Okinawa

### 4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *ASHIGARA*
- (2) USN: USS *DEWEY*, USS *SHOUP*, USS *MILIUS*, USS *BENFOLD*, USNS *CARL BRASHEAR*

### 5. Type of Exercise

#### (1) Harbor Phase

Pre-Coordination Meeting on Exercise and others

#### (2) Sea Phase

Tactical Exercise (Anti-Air Warfare Exercise, Anti-Submarine Warfare Exercise, Anti-Surface Warfare Exercise, Electronic Warfare Exercise, Anti-Air Missile Exercise), and Replenishment at sea



USN HELO landing on JS ASHIGARA



Personnel Exchanges





Gunnery exercise



*JS ASHIGARA* receives supplies from USNS *CARL BRASHEAR*



USS *BENFOLD* receives supplies from USNS *CARL BRASHEAR*