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## 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 23 - 28

### 3. Exercise Area

From the South of Nansei Islands to the Western Pacific

### 4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *ARIAKE*
- (2) USN: USS *NIMITZ*, USS *LENAH SUTCLIFFE HIGBEE*, USS *GRIDLEY*,  
USS *CURTIS WILBUR*, USS *WAYNE E. MEYER*, USNS *JOHN LEWIS*

### 5. Type of Exercise

Tactical Exercises (LINKEX and others), PHOTOEX



From the front, JS *ARIAKE*, USS *CURTIS WILBUR*





From the front, JS *ARIAKE*, USS *CURTIS WILBUR*



JMSDF members conducting training



JMSDF members seeing off USS *CURTIS WILBUR*