

PRESS RELEASE

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(Announcement)

Mine Warfare Exercise (Mutsu Bay) and Japan-U.S. Bilateral MCM 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 JMSDF's tactical capabilities.
- (2) To improve interoperability with the USN

2. Period

July 14-29

3. Exercise Area

Mutsu-Bay

4. Participating units

(1) JMSDF

(a) Officer in Charge of the Exercise (OCE):

CAPT AMANO Shinsuke, Commander Minesweeper Division 3

(b) Participants:

Surface Units (MST (2), MSO (2), MSC (6)),

Aircraft (P-1/P-3C (5), MCH-101 (2))

EOD sailors, UUV

(2) USN

(a) Officer in Charge of the Exercise (OCE):

Commanding Officer of Mine Counter Measure Squadron 7 (MCMRON7)

(b) Participants:

Surface Units (MCMV (1))

Air Units (MH-53E (2))

EOD sailors, UUV

5. Type of Exercise

Mine Warfare (Mine Laying, Mine Sweeping, Mine Hunting, EODEX)

6. Notes

The JMSDF has conducted mine warfare exercises in Mutsu Bay since 1964, and this is the 44th exercise.