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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

Japan- U.S. Bilateral Exercise (Rescue Flag IWAKUNI)

The JMSDF, together with the JASDF, conducted a bilateral exercise with the U.S. Armed Forces (USF) 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 enhance cooperation among the JMSDF, the JASDF and the USF

2. Period

September 2 - 12

3. Exercise Area

In the vicinity of JMSDF Iwakuni Air Base, Bungo Channel and South of Shikoku

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: US-2
- (2) JASDF: U-125A, UH-60J
- (3) U.S. Air Force: MC-130J, HH-60W
- (4) U.S. Marine Corps: F-35B, MV-22, AH-1, CH-53

5. Type of Exercise

Search and Rescue Exercise



Pre-Training Meeting



US-2 conducting training at sea



Detaining U.S. military personnel in the role of rescue in the US-2



JASDF UH-60J(Near side) and U.S. Marine Corps CH-53(Back side)