



PRESS RELEASE

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(Announcement)

Japan-U.S. Bilateral Exercise

The Overseas Training Cruise 2025 unit conducted a bilateral exercise with the United States Navy (USN) as described below in order to strengthen cooperation to realize a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific.”

1. Objectives

- (1) To improve the JMSDF’s tactical capabilities
- (2) To improve interoperability between the JMSDF and the USN

2. Date

October 17

3. Exercise Area

In the vicinity of San Diego

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *KASHIMA*, JS *SHIMAKAZE*
- (2) USN: USS *JACK H. LUCAS*

5. Type of Exercise

Tactical Maneuvering, COMMEX and PHOTOEX



From the left, USS *JACK H. LUCAS*, JS KASHIMA, JS SHIMAKAZE



From the front, USS *JACK H. LUCAS*, JS SHIMAKAZE



JMSDF members seeing off the USS *JACK H. LUCAS*