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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

Mine Warfare Exercise (Hyuga nada) 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 the JMSDF's tactical capabilities
- (2) To improve interoperability with the USN

2. Period

November 16–26

3. Exercise Area

Hyuga nada

4. Participating units

(1) JMSDF

(a) Officer Conducting the Exercise (OCE):

RADM IKEUCHI Izuru, Commander, Mine Warfare Force

(b) Participants

Surface Units (MST (2), MSO (4), MSC (11))

Aircraft (MCH-101 (2))

EODT

(2) USN

(a) Officer Conducting the Exercise (OCE):

CAPT Peter W. Haynes, Commander, Mine Counter Measure Group 7

(b) Participants

Aircraft (MH-53E (2))

EODT, UUV operators

5. Type of Exercise

Mine Warfare Exercise (Mine Laying, Mine Sweeping, Mine Hunting and EOD), PHOTOEX