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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

## 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

December 8–11

### 3. Exercise Area

South of Kanto

### 4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *AKIZUKI*
- (2) USN: USS *GEORGE WASHINGTON*  
USS *DEWEY*

### 5. Type of Exercise

Tactical Exercises (LINKEX)



From the front USS *GEORGE WASHINGTON*, JS *AKIZUKI*