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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. Date

February 18

3. Exercise Area

South of Shikoku

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *HARUSAME*, EP-3, OP-3C, UP-3D
- (2) USN: EA-18G, F/A-18E, E-2D

5. Type of Exercise

Electromagnetic Maneuver Warfare Exercise



Group photo



EA-18G