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## Japan–U.S. Bilateral Mine Warfare / Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) 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 mine warfare capabilities
- (2) To improve interoperability with the USN

## 2. Period

April 21–29

## 3. Exercise Area

Guam Island and in the vicinity of Guam

## 4. Participating units

## (1) JMSDF

- (a) Officer in Charge of the Exercise (OCE):  
Commanding Officer of EOD Dispatch Unit

## (b) Participants

Amphibious and Mine Warfare Group EOD Unit

## (2) USN

- (a) Officer in Charge of the Exercise (OCE):  
Commanding Officer of EODs, Mobile Unit 5 (EODMU5)

## (b) Participants

EODMU5

## 5. Type of Exercise

Mine Counter Measures (MCM) and EOD training

## 6. Others

- (1) This Mine Warfare / EOD Exercise has been conducted since 1995, and this is the 131st time.
- (2) This Mine Warfare / EOD Exercise in Guam has been conducted every year since 2024, and this is the third time.