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(Announcement)

## Live-MINEX26 (Japan–U.S. Bilateral Mine Countermeasures 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 between the JMSDF and the USN.

## 2. Period

June 15–27

## 3. Exercise Area

In the vicinity of Iwo-To

## 4. Participating Units

## (1) JMSDF

## (a) Officer in Charge of the Exercise (OCE):

CAPT OKAWA Kenjiro, Commander, Mine Warfare Squadron Two

## (b) Participants

Surface Units (MST (2), MSO (2), MSC (3), FFM(1))

## (2) USN

## (a) OCE:

Commanding Officer of Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Five (EODMU5) dispatch unit

## (b) Participants

EOD crew and others (EODMU5)

## 5. Type of Exercise

Mine Warfare (Mine Sweeping, Mine Hunting and EOD)

## 6. Notes

- (1) The JMSDF has conducted live mine disposal exercises since 1972, and this is the 53rd exercise.
- (2) With regard to live Mine Countermeasures Exercise with the USN, this is the 6th Japan–U.S. bilateral exercise.