



# PRESS RELEASE

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## 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

May 22–June 16

### 3. Exercise Area

Western Pacific

### 4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *KAGA*, JS *FUYUZUKI* (IPD26 Second Surface Unit)  
JS *SHIRANUI*
- (2) USN: USS *GEORGE WASHINGTON*, USS *ROBERT SMALLS*, USS *SHOUP*,  
USS *BENFOLD*, USNS *EARL WARREN*

### 5. Type of Exercises

Tactical Exercise (Anti-Air Warfare, Anti-Submarine Warfare, Anti-Surface Warfare, LINKEX),  
Cross Deck and Replenishment at sea



From the left, JS *SHIRANUI*, USS *GEORGE WASHINGTON*



Replenishment at sea



Replenishment at sea



Personnel Exchange