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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

Japan–U.S. Bilateral Exercise

The JMSDF conducted a bilateral exercise with the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) 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 USCG

2. Date

June 17

3. Exercise Area

Sagami Bay

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: SH-60K
- (2) USCG: Cutter *MIDGETT*

5. Type of Exercises

Deck Landing Training, Shipboard Refueling



Deck Landing Training



Shipboard Refueling



Gift exchange



Launching from Cutter *MIDGETT*