

PRESS RELEASE

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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

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

September 22–30

3. Exercise Area

Guam 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 Dispatch Unit

(2) USN

- (a) 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 1955, and this is the 133rd time.
- (2) This Mine Warfare / EOD Exercise in Guam has been conducted every year since 2024, and this is the 3rd time.