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(Announcement)

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

September 15

3. Exercise Area

East China Sea

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: EP-3, OP-3C
- (2) USN: MQ-4C

5. Type of Exercise

Information Exchange Exercise



Personnel Exchange



Briefing



Gift Exchange