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Mine Warfare Exercise (Hyuga nada) and Japan–U.S. Bilateral MCM Exercise

The JMSDF will conduct a bilateral exercise with the U.S. Navy (USN) and the U.S. Marine Corps (USMC) 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 and USMC

2. Period
 November 16–26

3. Exercise Area
 Hyuga nada

4. Participating units
 (1) JMSDF
  (a) Officer Conducting the Exercise (OCE):
   RADM SATO Masahiro, Commander, Amphibious and Mine Warfare Group
  (b) Participants
   Surface Units (MST (1), MSO (3), MSC (8), FFM (3), LST (1))
   Aircraft (MCH-101 (2))
   EOD crew
 (2) USN
  (a) OCE:
   Commander, Mine Counter Measures Group 7 (MCMGRU7)
  (b) Participants
   Surface Units (MCMV (1))
   EOD crew, UUV operators
 (3) USMC
  EOD crew

5. Type of Exercise
 Mine Warfare Exercise (Mine Laying, Mine Sweeping and Mine Hunting)

6. Notes
(a) The JMSDF has conducted mine warfare exercises in Hyuga nada since 1992, and this is the 32nd exercise.

(b) The JMSDF has conducted Japan–U.S. bilateral MCM exercise since 1955, and this is the 135th exercise.