

US, Japan Navy Chiefs Discuss Maritime Security, Continued Cooperation



Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Mike Gilday speaks with Japan Chief of Staff Adm. Hiroshi Yamamura during a video teleconference. The two leaders discussed recent operations across the globe and ways to strengthen the two navies' interoperability. *U.S. NAVY / Chief Mass Communication Specialist Nick Brown*

WASHINGTON – U.S. Navy Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Mike Gilday conducted a video teleconference with Japan Chief of Staff Adm. Hiroshi Yamamura April 13, Chief of Naval Operations Public Affairs said in a release.

The two leaders discussed recent operations across the globe and ways to strengthen the two navies' interoperability.

"The alliance between the U.S. and Japan is a cornerstone of

security and stability in a free and open Indo-Pacific,” said Gilday. “Adm. Yamamura and I remain committed to strengthening the bonds of our navies’ cooperation and friendship, and we stand ready, together.”

Gilday also thanked Yamamura for the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force’s (JMSDF) continued support of U.S. Navy forces in the region.

“The discussion today with Adm. Gilday to promote naval cooperation and enhance alliance capabilities for deterrence and effective response is of great significance,” said Yamamura. “The JMSDF and the U.S. Navy will continue to closely work together for a free and open Indo-Pacific.”

Japanese and U.S. Navy forces frequently operate together. The most recent was a joint participation in French-led exercise La Perouse in the Bay of Bengal. Other recent events include operations between JMSDF JS Kongo (DDG 173) and USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19), and the addition of a Japanese liaison officer at Logistics Group Western Pacific/Task Force 73, working directly with the staff’s replenishment officer to help enhance interchangeability and combined logistics operations.