

The 3rd Professional Airmanship Program

ON February 20 and 21, the 3rd Professional Airmanship Program (PAP) was held in Japan with the participation of air force officers from ASEAN countries and the ASEAN Secretariat as an initiative based on the Vientiane Vision 2.0*, the guideline for Japan-ASEAN defense cooperation.

The 3rd PAP consisted of a keynote speech on Japan-ASEAN Friendship and Cooperation, a seminar on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HA/DR), and a training tour to JASDF units.

Members of Air Staff Office participated from JASDF. In the keynote address, Mr. SUNAGA Kazuo, a former Ambassador of Mission of Japan to ASEAN, delivered a speech titled Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP) and the future of Japan-ASEAN defense cooperation. Participants shared each other's high level of professionalism and expertise at the seminar on HA/DR and facilitated understanding of HA/DR of JASDF through the training tour to JASDF Air Rescue Squadron and Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron. Through these exchanges, we were able to build trust and promote mutual understanding between Japan and ASEAN air services, thereby contributing to upholding and reinforcing the Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP). JASDF will continue to promote defense cooperation and exchanges between the air services of Japan and ASEAN and work to uphold and reinforce the Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP) in order to ensure regional peace and stability.

*Vientiane Vision 2.0: In order to uphold and reinforce FOIP, the objectives of cooperation are: (i) to strengthen the strategic partnership between Japan and ASEAN; and (ii) to contribute to centrality and unity through strengthening the resilience of ASEAN. The priority areas of cooperation include "implementation of the rule of law."



Group Photo



Keynote speech by Mr.SUNAGA Kazuo,
Former Ambassador,
Mission of Japan to ASEAN



Opinion exchange at the seminar



Courtesy Call on Chief of Staff, JASDF



Training tour to JASDF Air Rescue Squadron



Training tour to JASDF Aeromedical
Evacuation Squadron