Record of Escort Operations Performed by
Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force Units Dispatched for Anti-Piracy Activities
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(Provisional Translation)

1. Number of Escort Operations: 8 times (The 142nd – the 149th escort operation)
   (The 101st – the 108th escort operation under Japan’s Anti-Piracy Measures Law)

2. Number of Escorted Vessels: 60 vessels
   (Accumulated total of 874 escorted vessels since the start of operations under Japan’s Anti-Piracy Measures Law)

Breakdown:

Japanese-registered ships – 0 (Accumulated total of 8 escorted vessels under Japan’s Anti-Piracy Measures Law)

Foreign ships operated by Japanese shipping companies – 14 (Accumulated total of 235 escorted vessels under Japan’s Anti-Piracy Measures Law)
   (Out of the 14 foreign ships, a Japanese citizen was on board 0 ships.)

Foreign ships other than above – 46 (Accumulated total of 631 escorted vessels under Japan’s Anti-Piracy Measures Law)

* The above record does not include the 1st – 41st escort operation performed as Maritime Security Activities, which were performed before the establishment of the Anti-Piracy Measures Law.

** If the Anti-Piracy Measures Law had not come into force, Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force destroyers would not have been able to legally escort 46 of the 60 escorted vessels (the 46 foreign ships not operated by Japanese shipping companies).
3. Instances of when Japanese destroyers provided information to other nations’ warships and/or commercial ships

- On 13 June, JS Murasame which was engaged in 144th escort mission received information from a commercial vessel, which had not joined our convoy, that the commercial vessel was being chased by suspicious small ship.

  Then a Japanese helicopter took off from JS Murasame and confirmed the suspicious small ship which had two outboard engines and was carrying seven passengers. Moreover, it visually confirmed that the suspicious small ship disposed something in the sea.

  Later on, Turkish warship took over surveillance activities and the Japanese helicopter returned to patrol operation.