

The 3rd Japan-ASEAN Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Cooperation Project

From September 15 to 17, 2026, the Ministry of Defense hosted the 3rd Japan-ASEAN Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Cooperation Project. The project brought together 23 WPS practitioners and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HA/DR) from ASEAN countries (excluding Myanmar, and Cambodia and Timor-Leste does not participate), as well as from Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Kenya, Mongolia, Yemen and EU. Experts from Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA and the New Zealand Defence Force also participated.

Focusing on the theme of "WPS in HA/DR Activities, Especially Those for Tsunami and Flood," the program featured lectures by external experts, presentations on WPS initiatives in HA/DR operations from the Ministry of Defense, the Self-Defense Forces, and participants' countries, and study tour at Air Support Command and Space Operations Wing. Furthermore, building on the achievements of the past two years, the program incorporated a theme-based tabletop exercise, enabling participants to practice more practical approaches to WPS as the culmination of the project's third year.

These activities contributed to enhancing participants' knowledge and understanding of WPS in HA/DR, while also strengthening the network of WPS practitioners across the Indo-Pacific region and reinforcing the platform for addressing shared challenges.

The Ministry of Defense and the Self-Defense Forces will continue to work closely with ASEAN countries and other partners to advance WPS efforts throughout the Indo-Pacific region, thereby contributing to international peace and stability.

Project Activities



