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Prime Minister and Defense Minister Receive Courtesy Call from Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps

On March 26th, Prime Minister Abe received a courtesy call from General Robert B. Neller, Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps at the Prime Minister's office. On the same day, Minister Iwaya also received a courtesy call from Commandant Neller at the Ministry of Defense (MOD). The MOD/Japan Self-Defense Forces (JSDF) will continue to strengthen the Japan-U.S. Alliance.



Courtesy Call by Undersecretary for Finance and Materiel, Department of National Defense, Republic of the Philippines and Commanding General of Philippine Air Force and Transfer Ceremony for the Parts and Maintenance Equipment of UH-1H Helicopter

On March 12th, Retired Brigadier General Elefante, Undersecretary for Finance and Materiel, Department of National Defense, Republic of the Philippines and Lieutenant General Briguez, Commanding General of Philippine Air Force paid a courtesy call to Minister Iwaya.

They also attended the transfer ceremony for the parts and maintenance equipment of UH-1H helicopter.

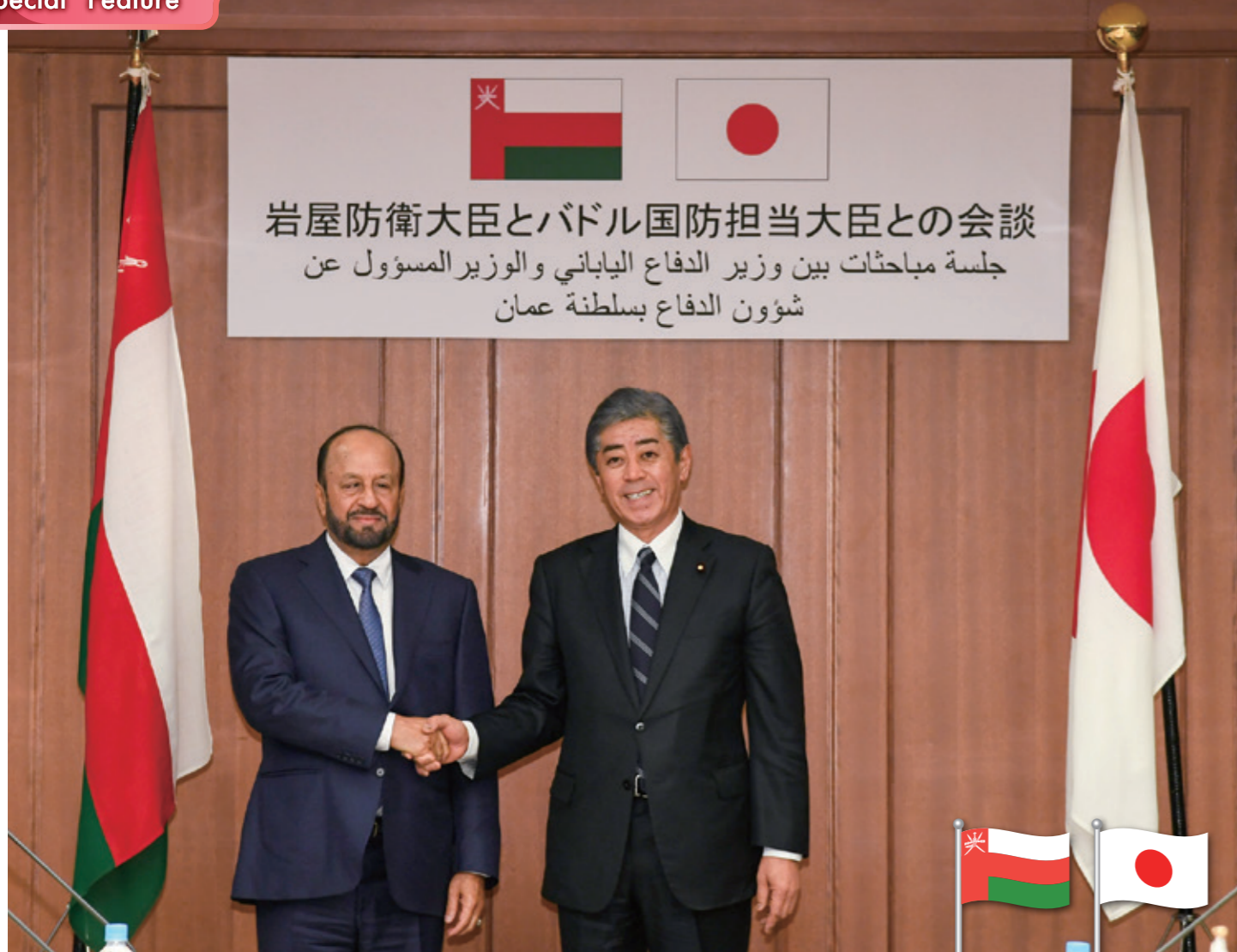
The MOD/JSDF will further expand and deepen defense cooperation with the Philippines.



Courtesy Call from Ambassadors of the U.S. to Japan, the Republic of Korea, People's Republic of China and the Republic of India

On April 5th, Minister Iwaya received a courtesy call from H.E. Mr. William Hagerty IV, U.S. Ambassador to Japan, H.E. Harry Harris, U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, H.E. Mr. Terry Branstad, U.S. Ambassador to China and H.E. Mr. Kenneth Juster, U.S. Ambassador to India.





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Japan-Oman Defense Ministerial Meeting

On March 25th, Minister Iwaya held the Japan-Oman Defense Ministerial Meeting and signing ceremony for “Memorandum on Defense Cooperation” between Japan and Oman with H.E. Badr, Minister Responsible for Defence Affairs of the Sultanate of Oman.

1. Both the Ministers reconfirmed the importance to secure freedom of navigation including access to ports and safety of maritime transportation under the vision of the “Free and Open Indo Pacific.” They also evaluated the signing of the Memorandum on the Defense Cooperation that symbolizes bilateral exchange and cooperation.

2. Minister Iwaya expressed his appreciation for Oman’s continuous support for counterpiracy activities, and Minister Badr responded that he would like to continue to cooperate on this matter. Also, both the Ministers agreed to further develop bilateral defense cooperation including maritime service exchanges based on the Memorandum signed on the day.

Furthermore, Minister Iwaya explained the security situation surrounding Japan, and Minister Badr explained the regional situation of the Middle East including that of Iran. Both the Ministers agreed on the importance of confidence building with concerned countries for the peace and stability of the region.



Minister Iwaya attends Establishment Ceremony of Miyako Security Force on April 7th.

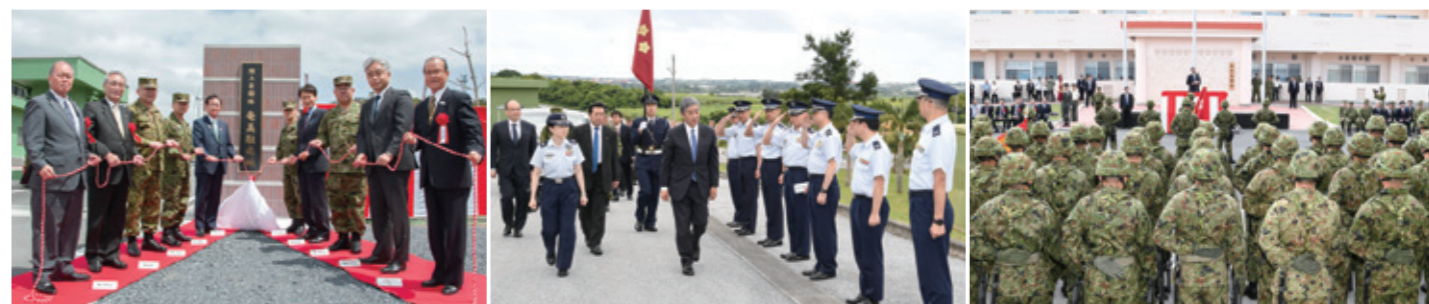


State Minister of Defense Harada attends Establishment Ceremony of Amami Security Force on March 31st.

Establishment Ceremonies of Amami and Miyako Security Forces

Establishment ceremonies for Amami Security Force and Miyako Security Force were held on March 31st and April 7th respectively.

Placement of security forces consisting of infantries at Camp Amami and Camp Miyakojima fill partial blank in the southeast area and increase capabilities to take initial response, deploy units rapidly and make responses in the event of various situations including disasters.





Pacific Partnership 2019

Pacific Partnership 2019 began on March 3rd. The MOD/JSDF participates in activities in the following countries: Marshall Island (March 3rd to 29th), East Timor (April 27th to May 5th) and Vietnam (April 29th and May 19th).

Pacific Partnership, which started in 2006, is an initiative organized by the U.S. Forces. Naval vessels mainly from the U.S. Navy visit the Indo-Pacific region to provide medical assistance, to conduct facility repair activities, and

to engage in cultural exchanges. Pacific Partnership also strengthens collaboration with the participating countries and facilitates international disaster relief activities through cooperation with the government, military, international organizations, and NGOs in each of those countries.

In Marshall Island, the MOD/JSDF conducted medical activities, gave music performances and engaged in cultural exchanges.



Delivery and Commission Ceremony for SS Shoryu

The delivery and commission ceremony for SS *Shoryu* took place on March 18th at Kobe Works of Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd.

Specifications of SS *Shoryu*

- ▷ **Displacement standard:** 2,950t
- ▷ **Length:** 84m
- ▷ **Beam:** 9.1m
- ▷ **Depth:** 10.3m
- ▷ **Engines:** diesel and stirling engine, electric propulsion (1 shaft)
- ▷ **Speed:** approx. 20kt
- ▷ **Crew:** approx. 65



OH-1 Observation Helicopter

In this edition, we will take a closer look at the OH-1 Observation Helicopter.

The OH-1 Observation Helicopter is a helicopter made entirely in Japan and its production began in 1992 to replace the OH-6D. The OH-1 features a hingeless system on its main rotor, glass fiber

composite rotor blades, tandem seating, and dual hydraulic and flight control systems. Its detection abilities are provided by the equipped infrared sensors, color monitors, and laser distance meters. It can conduct detection and identification operations day and night. The versatile OH-1 will continue to fill a variety of roles.

Specifications

- ▷ **Length:** approx. 13.4m
- ▷ **Width:** approx. 11.6m
- ▷ **Height:** approx. 3.8m
- ▷ **Engines:** Twin 777 shp engines
- ▷ **Max speed:** approx. 280km/h
- ▷ **Range:** approx. 550km
- ▷ **Crew:** 2
- ▷ **Equipment:** Four AAM(air-to-air missile)s

New Era Name - Reiwa



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On April 30th, 2019, the current Emperor of Japan will abdicate the throne. The new Emperor will ascend to the throne on May 1st, 2019.

To mark this transition, the name of the era will change from “Heisei” to “Reiwa.”

Japan labels years using both Japanese imperial years and the years of the Western calendar. Japanese imperial years are unique to Japan, and Reiwa will be the 248th one.

An Imperial era name is selected according to the following six conditions:

- ◆ It holds a positive meaning that fits public ideals.
- ◆ It can be written with two *kanji* characters.
- ◆ It is easy to write.

- ◆ It is easy to read.
- ◆ It has not been used as a previous Imperial era or posthumus Emperor name.
- ◆ It does not refer to mundane matters.

“Reiwa,” the name of the new era that will begin on May 1st, 2019, was adopted from the Manyōshū, the oldest collection of Japanese poems compiled more than 1200 years ago. Its two characters were taken from the headnote of 32 poems about plum blossoms that appear in Volume 5 of the collection.

The new era name includes the meaning of culture coming into being and flourishing when people bring their hearts and minds together in a beautiful manner.



- Graduation Ceremony of the National Defense Medical College (Mar. 9) / National Defense Academy (Mar. 17) / JGSDF High Technical School (Mar. 21)



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