

JAPAN PEACEKEEPING TRAINING AND RESEARCH CENTER

“Building Peace Together for Future Generation.”



Japan Joint Staff College MOD

INTERNATIONAL PEACE COOPERATION ACTIVITIES AND JPC CHRONOLOGY

International Peace Cooperation Activities

JPC

- Cambodia**
UNTAC 1992-1993
- Mozambique**
ONUMOZ 1993-1995
- Humanitarian Relief Operation for Rwandan Refugees**
Sep-Dec.1994
- Golan Heights**
UNDOF 1996-2013
- IDRA* in Honduras**
Nov-Dec.1998
- Transportation of materials required for IDRA in Turkey**
Sep-Nov.1999
- IDRA in India**
Feb.2001
- Humanitarian Relief Operations for Afghanistan**
Oct.2001
- Cooperative Activities based on the ATSML*(Indian Ocean)**
2001-2007
- Timor-Leste**
UNMISSET 2002-2004
- Transportation of materials required for IDRA in Iran**
2003-2004
- Activities based on the SMLHRAI***
2004-2006
- IDRA in Thailand**
2004-2005
- IDRA in Pakistan**
Oct-Dec.2005
- IDRA in Indonesia**
Jun 2006
- Nepal**
UNMIN 2007-2011
- IDRA in Indonesia**
Oct 2008
- Sudan**
UNMIS 2008-2011
- Replenishment activities based on RSSML***
2008-2010
- Counter Piracy Operations(Off the coast of Somalia/Gulf of Aden)**
2009-
- IDRA in Pakistan**
Aug-Oct 2010
- Timor-Leste**
UNMIT 2010-2012
- Haiti**
MINUSTAH 2010-2013
- South Sudan**
UNMISS 2011-
- Transportation of materials and personnel required for the IDRA in New Zealand**
Feb-Mar 2011
- IDRA in Philippines**
Nov-Dec 2013
- IDRA in Indonesia**
2014-2015
- IDRA in Nepal**
2015
- IDRA in New Zealand**
2016
- IDRA in Indonesia**
2018
- Multinational Force and Observers(Sinai Peninsula)**
MFO 2019-
- IDRA in Djibouti**
Nov-Dec 2019
- IDRA in Australia**
Jan-Feb 2020
- Humanitarian Relief Operations for Ukrainian Refugees**
May-Jun.2022
- IDRA in Tonga**
Jan-Feb.2022
- IDRA in Turkey**
Feb-Mar 2023



JPC Preparatory Office established
2009

JPC established(Meguro)
2010

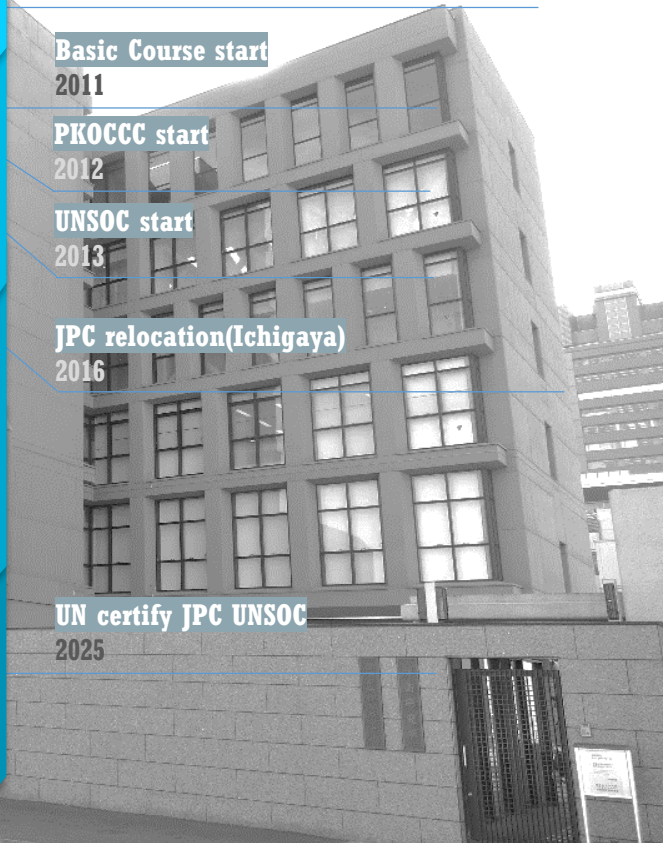
Basic Course start
2011

PKOCCC start
2012

UNSOC start
2013

JPC relocation(Ichigaya)
2016

UN certify JPC UNSOC
2025



*IDRA: International Disaster Relief Activities
 *ATSML: Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law
 *SMLHRAI: Special Measures Law for Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance in Iraq
 *RSSML: Replenishment Support Special Measures Law

PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS CONTINGENT COMMANDERS COURSE(PKOCCC)



In the first half of the course, participants will gain an understanding of basic matters related to international peace cooperation activities and the operations of the Self-Defense Forces in such activities. In the second half, the course is positioned as the United Nations Peacekeeping Operations Contingent Commanders Course (PKOCCC), and education will be conducted based on United Nations peacekeeping training standards. Instructors from both the U.S. Department of War and the JPC will collaborate to lead discussions focused on leadership (command, control, and management). Participants will acquire the necessary knowledge and skills to serve as unit commanders engaged in international peace cooperation activities. Additionally, efforts will be made to foster mutual understanding among all participants through interactions between Japanese students—including those from other relevant ministries and agencies—and foreign military personnel, thereby cultivating an international perspective.

STUDENT FEEDBACK

"This is the only place where you can study in English together with international students in such a global learning environment."

"I have gained an understanding of the mindset required as a dispatched unit commander."

"I could understand the current state and challenges of UN missions from multiple perspectives."

"I was deeply impressed by the valuable stories shared by PKO veterans from various countries."

5 level evaluation by student on the usefulness of the course

Average rating 2020-2025

"I hope to apply the bonds I've built with military personnel from various countries to future missions."



UNITED NATIONS STAFF OFFICERS COURSE(UNSOC)



In the first half of the course, students will gain an understanding of the fundamentals of international peace cooperation activities and the operations of the Self-Defense Forces in such activities. In the second half, the course is positioned as the United Nations Staff Officers Course (UNSOC), and education based on United Nations standard teaching materials will be provided by instructors from the JPC. Students will acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to serve as staff officers engaged in international peace cooperation activities.

STUDENT FEEDBACK

"I was able to keep up because the classes gradually transitioned from Japanese to English."

"I was able to learn about coordination and communication in a diverse environment together with international students."

"I believe this can be applied to my duties as a commander or staff officer in disaster relief operations."

"As a staff officer, I was able to develop multifaceted analytical skills."

5 level evaluation by student on the usefulness of the course

Average rating 2020-2025



"In the comprehensive exercise, we were able to conduct realistic training such as telephone coordination."

BASIC COURSE



We provide personnel engaged in international peace cooperation activities with a fundamental understanding of such operations, including the basic principles and the role of the Self-Defense Forces in these missions. Additionally, we promote the dissemination of knowledge related to international peace cooperation activities. Through interaction with personnel from other branches of the Self Defense Forces and relevant government ministries and agencies, we aim to foster mutual understanding. To help students deepen their own comprehension, we conduct education in a discussion based format.

STUDENT FEEDBACK

“Interactive education between students and instructors is meaningful.”

“I was able to systematically learn the basic knowledge about international peace cooperation.”

“I would like to recommend this course to my juniors as well.”

“It was a meaningful class taught by experienced instructors.”

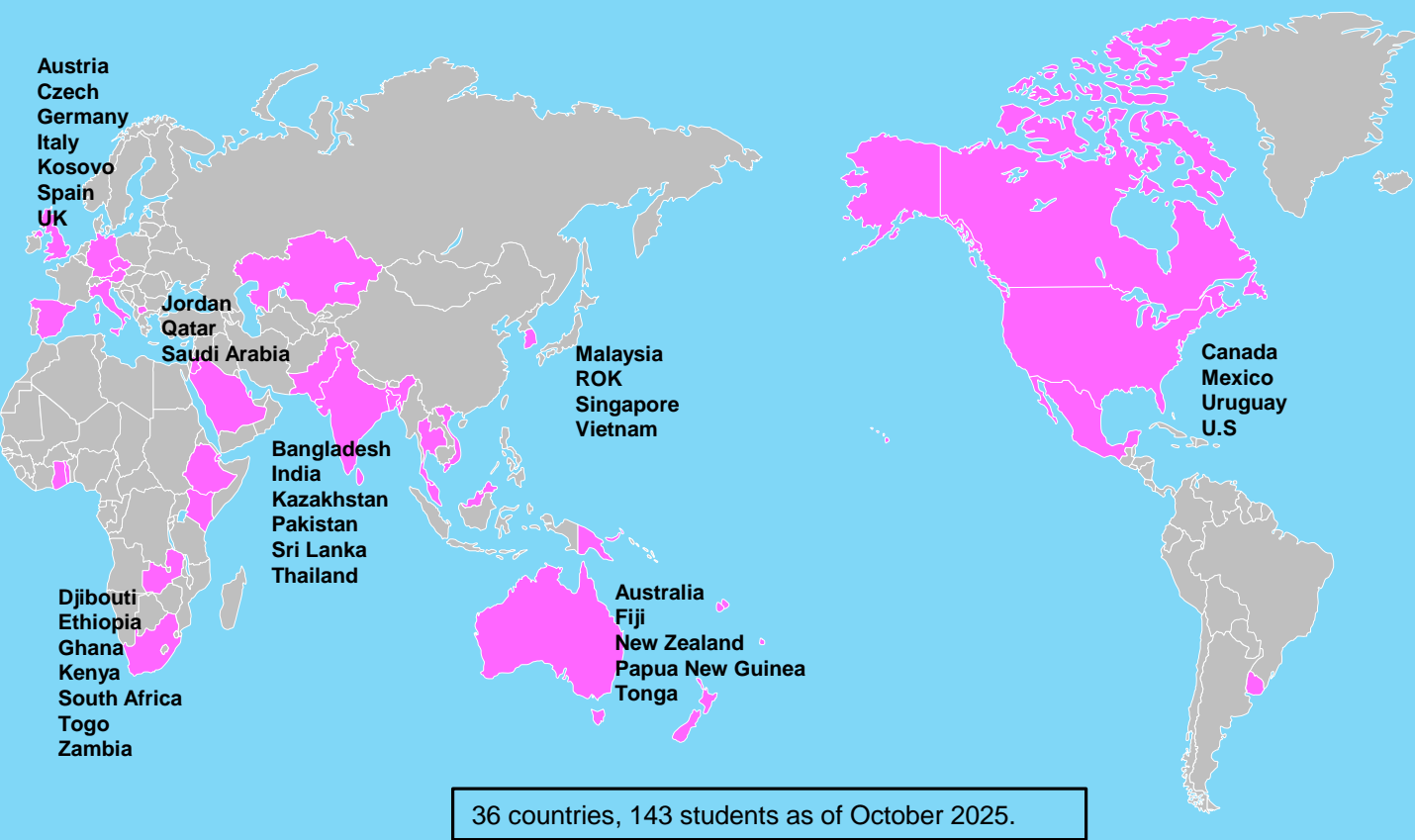
“The interaction with students from other ministries and agencies was meaningful.”

“It was an opportunity to reflect on the role of the Self-Defense Forces in conflict zones around the world.”

“The educational content was applicable to all aspects of staff officer activities.”

“I now have more options for my future career.”





TRAINING SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES

In response to requests from foreign countries and relevant organizations, we dispatch instructors to provide education on international peace cooperation activities and modern PKO. Additionally, our researchers participate in courses at PKO centers abroad and incorporate the outcomes into the education and research conducted by our center.



INTERNATIONAL PEACE & SECURITY SYMPOSIUM



The JPC strives to cooperate and interact widely with domestic and international research institutions through its research activities. As part of these efforts, the center holds a symposium once a year, hosted by the Commandant of the Japan Joint Staff College, inviting relevant parties from both inside and outside the organization. The purpose of the symposium is to contribute to education and training as well as research at the center, share acquired knowledge among government, private sector, and academia, and make intellectual contributions towards international peace and security. For details on research results or event summaries, please visit our website.



PEACE OPERATIONS WORKSHOP



At the JPC, we regularly invite guest lecturers to hold Peace Operations Workshop. These sessions are attended not only by MOD personnel but also by staff from other government ministries and agencies. Through exchanges of opinions with experts, the insights gained are reflected in our education and research efforts.

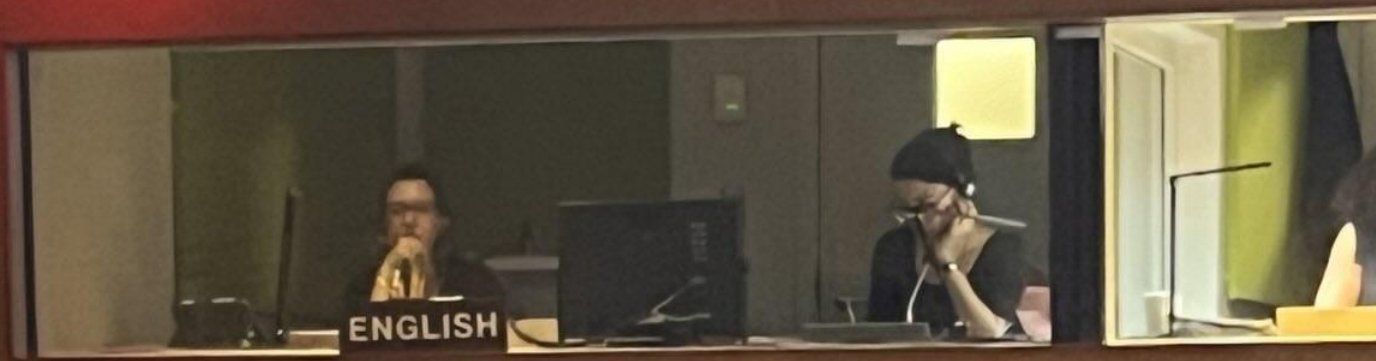
INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

To enhance international peace cooperation activities, we actively participate in global annual meetings where representatives from institutions involved in peacebuilding education and research around the world engage in discussions. We also take part in meetings in the Asia-Pacific region, where educators and researchers from various national PKO centers discuss strategies for improving the capabilities required for United Nations peacekeeping operations. Through these engagements, we gather information, exchange opinions, and strive to improve the quality of our educational content and enhance the competencies of our personnel.



TRAINING OF STAFF OFFICER TO THE UN SECRETARIAT

JPC Former Staff works at the UN Secretariat



The Ministry of Defense and the Self-Defense Forces actively contribute to the United Nations' efforts toward international peace by dispatching personnel to the UN Secretariat. The aim is to utilize the experience gained by these personnel in Japan's peacekeeping operations (PKO). JPC also conducts training for personnel to be dispatched to the UN Secretariat.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

At the JPC, we actively accept various training programs in collaboration with Self-Defense Forces Provincial Cooperation Office, and also dispatch instructors.



Lecture for the Yamanashi Gakuin University students



Lecture for Elementary school student

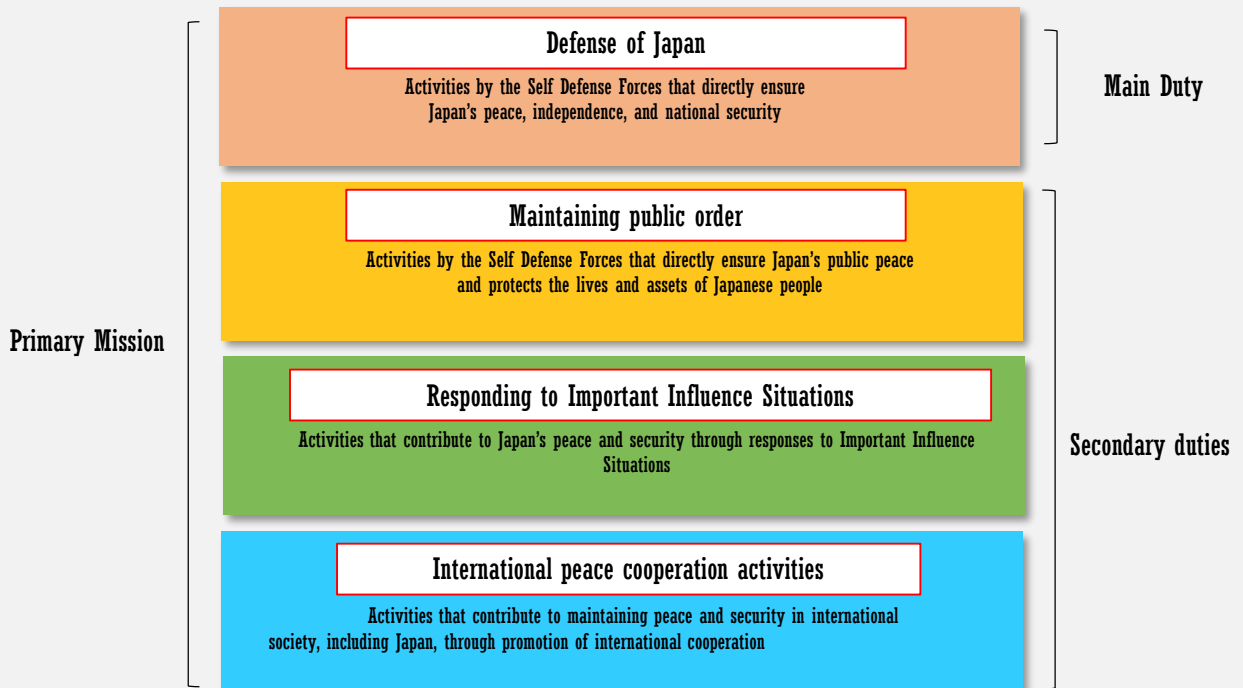
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

①

What are the international peace cooperation activities conducted by the Ministry of Defense and the Self-Defense Forces?

“These activities include cooperation with United Nations peacekeeping operations (PKO), responses to large-scale disasters overseas, and support in situations requiring joint international peace response situation.”

Overview of the Self Defense Force's Duties



International Peace Cooperation Activities Conducted by the SDF



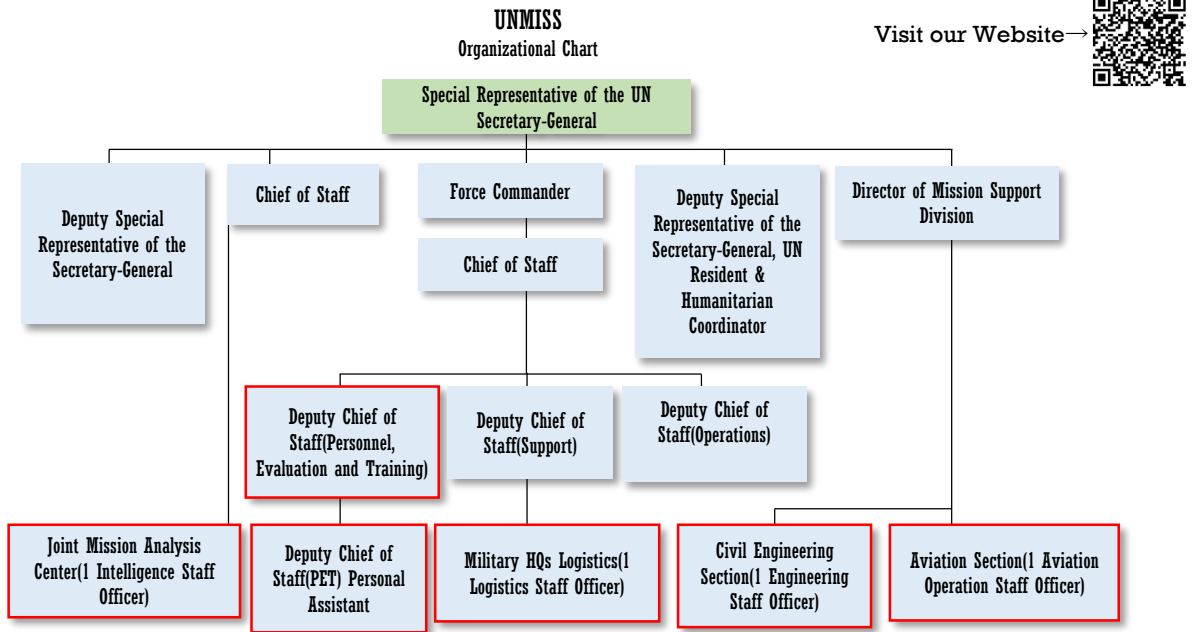
Legend: Activities based on time-limited acts Activities based on permanent acts

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

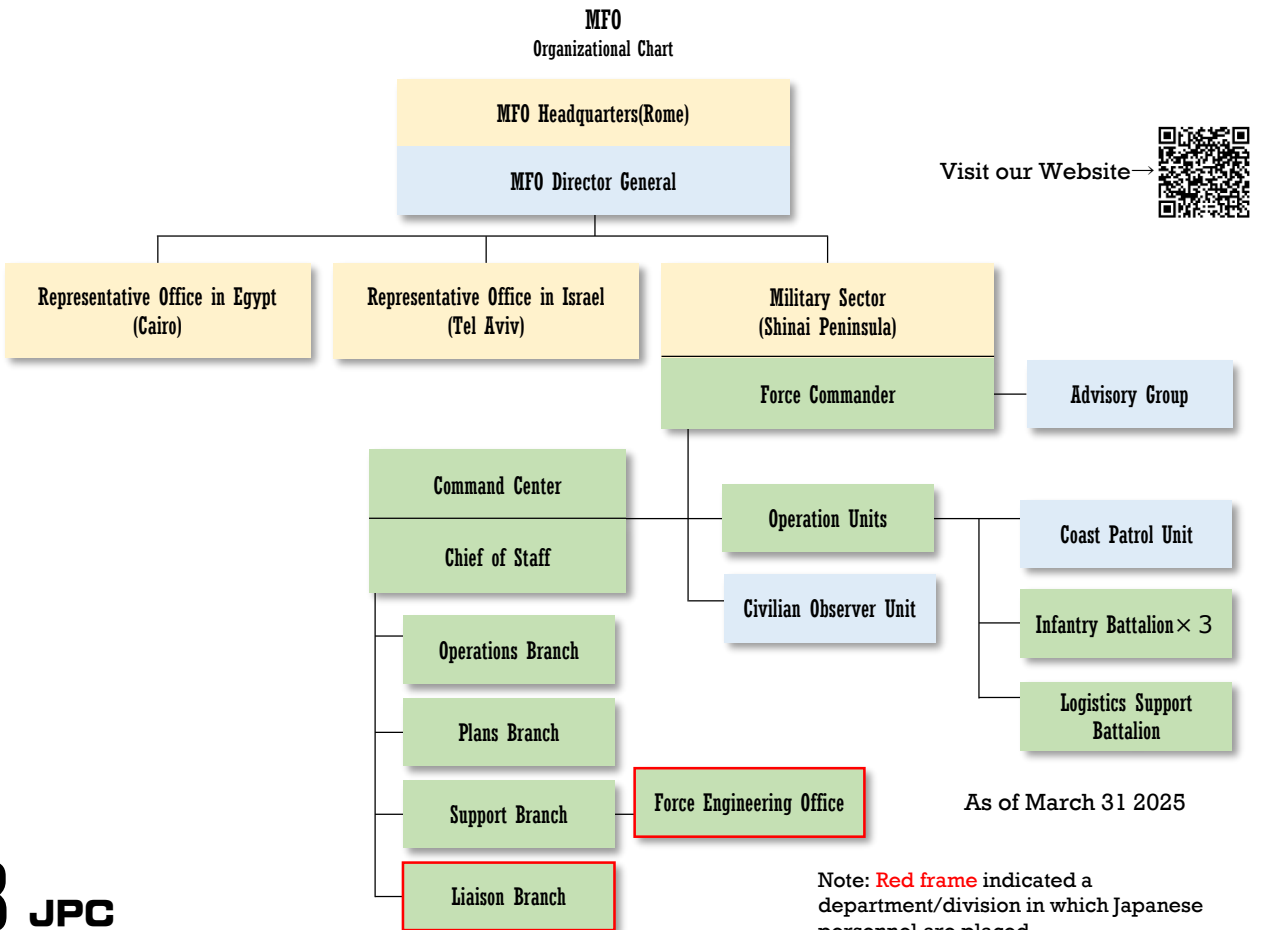
②

What kind of international peace cooperation activities are the Ministry of Defense and the Self-Defense Forces participating in?

“Currently, personnel are being dispatched to the United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS) to support the peace process in South Sudan, and to the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO), which monitors the ceasefire between Egypt and Israel.”



As of March 31 2025



As of March 31 2025

Note: Red frame indicated a department/division in which Japanese personnel are placed.

In addition, based on funds contributed by Japan, the United Nations Department of Operational Support launched the United Nations Triangular Partnership Programme (UNTPP), which involves the procurement of heavy equipment and training of engineering personnel. From the start of the program until March 2025, a total of 207 Ground Self-Defense Force personnel were dispatched to the African region, where they conducted 11 training sessions for 336 personnel from nine countries. Given the growing concern over enhancing medical capabilities to ensure the safety of personnel in UN peacekeeping operations (PKO), the scope of support under UNTPP was expanded to include the medical field. As part of this, the United Nations Field Medical Assistant Course was established. In November 2024, the Ministry of Defense and the Self-Defense Forces dispatched one Ground Self-Defense Force instructor to the UN Regional Support Centre in Entebbe, Uganda, where they provided training to 30 participants.

Visit our Website—



In addition, personnel are being dispatched to the United Nations Secretariat and PKO training centers in various countries.

UN Agencies

PKO Center

Period	Position
Jun.9,1997-Jun.30,2002 Aug.1,2004-Jul.31,2007	Inspectorate Division Director, Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) (The Hague, the Netherlands)
Jun.23,1997-Jun.23,2000	Inspector, Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) (The Hague, the Netherlands)
Oct.1,2002-Jun.30,2007	Head, Operations and Planning Branch, Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) (The Hague, the Netherlands)
Jul.11,2005-Jul.10,2009	Inspector, Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) (The Hague, the Netherlands)
Jan.9,2009-Jan.8,2013	Inspector, Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) (The Hague, the Netherlands)
Aug.27,2013-Aug.31,2016	Inspector, Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) (The Hague, the Netherlands)
Sep.12,2022-	Inspector, Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) (The Hague, the Netherlands)
Dec.2,2002-Jun.1,2005	Military Planning Service, Office of Military Affairs, Department of Peacekeeping Operations (UNDPKO)(New York)
Nov.28,2005-Nov.27,2008	Military Planning Service, Office of Military Affairs, Department of Peacekeeping Operations (UNDPKO)(New York)
Jan.16,2011-Jan.15,2014	Military Planning Service, Office of Military Affairs, Department of Peacekeeping Operations (UNDPKO)(New York)
Sep.18,2013-Sep.17,2016	Force Generation Service, Office of Military Affairs, Department of Peacekeeping Operations (UNDPKO)(New York)
Jun.1,2015-Nov.30,2017	Senior Military Liaison Officer, Africa I Division, Office of Operations, Department of Peacekeeping Operations (UNDPKO) (New York)
Mar.1-Aug.31,2016	Strategic Support Service, Logistics Support Division, Department of Field Support, United Nations (New York)
Aug.29,2016-Aug.26,2019	Military Planning Service, Office of Military Affairs, Department of Peace Operations (UNDPKO) (New York)
Feb.11,2017-Feb.18,2020	Strategic Support Service, Logistics Division, Department of Operational Support, United Nations (New York)
Apr.1,2018-Dec.31,2020	Group of Experts, Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (New York)
Oct.19,2019-May.8,2022	Military Planning Service, Office of Military Affairs, Department of Peace Operations (UNDPKO) (New York)
Aug.8,2020-Aug.25,2023	Support Partnerships Service, Division for Special Activities, United Nations Department of Operational Support(New York)
Mar.15,2021-Mar.15,2025	Support Partnerships Service, Division for Special Activities, United Nations Department of Operational Support(New York)
Jul.3,2022-	Military Planning Service, Office of Military Affairs, Department of Peace Operations (UNDPKO) (New York)
Dec.5,2022-	Military Performance Evaluation Team, Office of Military Affairs, Department of Peace Operations (UNDPKO) (New York)
Feb.10,2024-	Support Partnerships Service, Division for Special Activities, United Nations Department of Operational Support(New York)
Mar.29,2024-	Military Planning Service, Office of Military Affairs, Department of Peace Operations (UNDPKO) (New York)

Period	Position
Nov.21-30,2008	Cairo Regional Center for Training on Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping in Africa (CCCPA) (Egypt)
May.22-Jun.6,2009	Cairo Regional Center for Training on Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping in Africa (CCCPA) (Egypt)
Aug.28-Sep.5,2009	Peacekeeping School in Bamako (Mali)
Apr.10-17,2010	Cairo Regional Center for Training on Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping in Africa (CCCPA) (Egypt)
Aug.14-30,2010	Peacekeeping School in Bamako (Mali)
Nov.15-20,2011	Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (Ghana)
Jul.31-Aug.5,2012	International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC) (Kenya)
Dec.15-19,2012	Cairo Regional Center for Training on Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping in Africa (CCCPA) (Egypt)
Mar.9-14,2013	South African National Peace Mission Training Centre (PMTTC) (South Africa)
Aug.28-Sep.1,2013	International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC) (Kenya)
Oct.5-9,2013	International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC) (Kenya)
Mar.8-13,2014	South African National Peace Mission Training Centre (PMTTC) (South Africa)
Mar.23-May.25,2014	Ethiopian International Peace Keeping Training Centre (EIPKTC) (Ethiopia)
Aug.12,2014	International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC) (Kenya) (dispatched to give lecture in South Sudan)
Oct.5-9,2014	International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC) (Kenya)
Oct.6-23,2014	Ethiopian International Peace Keeping Training Centre (EIPKTC) (Ethiopia)
Mar.19-Apr.1,2015	UN Peacekeeping Centre (India)
Jun.4-Jul.1,2015	Peace Support Training Centre (Ethiopia)
Sep.5-20,2015	South African National Peace Mission Training Centre (PMTTC) (South Africa)
Oct.22-Nov.7,2015	Peace Support Training Centre (Ethiopia)
Mar.21-Apr.1,2016	UN Peacekeeping Centre (India)
May.31-Jun.17,2016	Peace Support Training Centre (Ethiopia)
Nov.4-19,2016	Peace Support Training Centre (Ethiopia)
Mar.6-19,2017	Peace Support Training Centre (Ethiopia)
Jun.2-18,2017	Peace Support Training Centre (Ethiopia)
Dec.1-15,2017	Peace Support Training Centre (Ethiopia)
Jun.30-Jul.15,2018	Peace Support Training Centre (Ethiopia)
Aug.22-28,2018	Indonesian National Defense Forces Peacekeeping Centre (Indonesia)
Nov.2-18,2018	Peace Support Training Centre (Ethiopia)
Mar.3-15,2018	Peace Support Training Centre (Ethiopia)
Jun.28-Jul.12,2019	Peace Support Training Centre (Ethiopia)
Nov.8-22,2019	International Peace Support Training Institute (Ethiopia)
Mar.6-15,2020	International Peace Support Training Institute (Ethiopia)
Mar.4-16,2022	International Peace Support Training Institute (Ethiopia)
Nov.9-18,2023	Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (Ghana)
Feb.2-11,2024	Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (Ghana)

Visit our Website—



As of March 2025

Visit our Website—





Japan Peacekeeping Training and Research Center

5-1, Ichigaya Honmura-cho Shinjuku-ku,
 Tokyo Japan ZIP:162-8805
 TEL : 03-3268-3111 (ext3226)
 E-mail: jscjpc-publicaffairs@ext.js.mod.go.jp
 URL: <https://www.mod.go.jp/js/jsc/jpc/english/index.html>



JPC