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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

The 27th Indo-Pacific Naval College Seminar (IPNCS)

The JMSDF will hold the 27th Indo-Pacific Naval College Seminar (IPNCS) as described below.

1. Objective

- (1) To obtain resources for the JMSDF Command and Staff College education and research through seminar discussions with naval college instructors and researchers in the Indo-Pacific region and other countries.
- (2) To deepen mutual understanding and promote defense exchange opportunities between IPNCS participating countries and the JMSDF through discussions and cultural tours.

2. Period

February 13-17

February 13: Opening Ceremony

February 14-15: Keynote Speech (Day14), Group Discussions

February 15: Overall Discussion, Closing ceremony

February 16-17: Base Tour (Day16), Cultural Tour

3. Implementation responsibility

JMSDF Command and Staff College

(VADM EGAWA Hiroshi, President, JMSDF Command and Staff College)

4. Place

- (1) Opening Ceremony, Keynote Speech, Group Discussions, Overall Discussion, Closing ceremony: JMSDF Command and Staff College
- (2) Base tour and Cultural Tour: Around Kanto region

5. Participating countries (23 countries)

Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, French Republic, Independent State of Papua New Guinea, Italian Republic, Kingdom of Cambodia, Kingdom of Thailand, Malaysia, Kingdom of Tonga, New Zealand, People's Republic of China, Republic of Chile, Republic of Fiji, Republic of Korea, Republic of India, Republic of Indonesia, Republic of Peru, Republic of the Philippines, Republic of Singapore, Socialist Republic of Vietnam, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Underlined: First participation

6. Participant

(1) Keynote speech

Prof. TSUCHIYA MOTOHIRO, Vice-Presidents of KEIO UNIVERSITY (MITA)

(2) Discussions

- a. Naval officer with the rank of captain or equivalent rank or a researcher at educational institution
- b. Instructor and staff of the JMSDF Command and Staff College

7. Theme

(1) Main theme

“Toward a peaceful, stable and prosperous Indo-Pacific”

(2) Sub theme

“Maintaining international order based on the rule of law”

8. Group Discussions theme

(1) Criminal Maritime Security Treats

(2) Environmental Maritime Security Treats

(3) Naval Roles in Cooperation with Countries and Regions

9. Notes

The JMSDF has been hosting the Indo-Pacific Naval College Seminar since 1998, and will be 27th time holding this event.