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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

Overseas Training Cruise 2024

The JMSDF will conduct Overseas Training Cruise 2024 as described below.

1. Objectives

- (1) To provide Trainees with on-the-job training opportunities through sea cruises to reinforce knowledge and skills to familiarize them with the sea, and to cultivate qualities required of officers.
- (2) To have deployed personnel conduct exercises with foreign countries, improve understandings of the activities of these countries and develop an international sense through sailing in the South China Sea, etc.
- (3) To promote friendship and goodwill with visiting countries and to contribute to the realization of the "Free and Open Indo-Pacific".

2. Period

February 7 – March 14, 2024

3. Deployment, etc.

- (1) Commander of Overseas Training Cruise 2024
Captain YANAGIHARA Makoto, Commander of Training Division 1
- (2) Ships to be deployed
JS SUZUNAMI, JS SHIMAKAZE
- (3) Personnel
Approx. 440 persons, including graduates of the 57th General Officer Candidate Course

4. Ports of call

Brunei Darussalam (Muara), Kingdom of Cambodia (Sihanoukville), Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (Hai Phong)