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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

March 16 – April 28, 2024

3. Participating Units

- (1) Commander
Captain KAWANO Kunihiko, Commander of Escort Division 1
- (2) Participants
JS MURASAME
- (3) Personnel
Approx. 240 persons, including graduates of the 76th Aviation Officer Candidate Course

4. Ports of call

Republic of Indonesia (Batam Island) , Kingdom of Thailand (Sattahip), The Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste (Dili)