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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

Overseas Training Cruise 2024

The JMSDF will conduct the Overseas Training Cruise 2024 as follows.

1. Objectives

- (1) To provide Trainee Officers with on-the-job training opportunities through sea cruises to reinforce knowledge and skills learned at the Officer Candidate School, to familiarize them with the sea, and to cultivate qualities required as naval officers.
- (2) To improve understandings of the activities of foreign countries and develop global awareness through joint exercise with these countries and sailing in the Philippine Sea, the South China Sea, the Indian Ocean, the Atlantic Ocean, the Mediterranean Sea, and the Caribbean Sea, and the Pacific Ocean, etc.
- (3) To promote friendship and goodwill with visiting countries and to contribute to the realization of a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific".

2. Period, etc.

- (1) Period
May 20 - November 11, 2024 (175 days)
- (2) Total distance of the cruise
Approx. 35,000 NM (Approx. 65,000 km)

3. Unit

- (1) Commander of Overseas Training Cruise 2024
Rear Admiral NISHIYAMA Takahiro, Commander of Training Squadron
- (2) Ships to be deployed
JS KASHIMA, *JS SHIMAKAZE*
- (3) Personnel
Approx. 570 people, including about 190 graduates of the 74th General Officer Candidate Course (including about 30 female officers)

4. Port of call

Brunei Darussalam (Muara), Republic of Seychelles (Victoria), Republic of South Africa (Cape Town), Republic of Senegal (Dakar), Italian Republic (Naples), Republic of Türkiye (Istanbul), The Kingdom of Spain (Valencia), Federal Republic of Germany (Hamburg), The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (London and Southampton), The United States of America (Norfolk and Pearl Harbor), The United Mexican States (Acapulco)

5. Others

The Overseas Training Cruise has been conducted every year since 1957, and this will be the 68th.