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(Announcement)

The 29th Indo-Pacific Naval College Seminar (IPNCS)

The JMSDF will hold the 29th Indo-Pacific Naval College Seminar (IPNCS) as described below.

1. Objective

To promote mutual understanding through interactions in the seminar to contribute to the realization of Free and Open Indo-Pacific.

2. Period

February 2 to 6, 2026

FEB 2 : Opening Ceremony, Keynote Speech, Field Trip, Reception

FEB 3 : Session I, II

FEB 4 : Session III

FEB 5 : Wrap-up Session, Closing Ceremony

FEB 6 : Cultural Tour

3. Implementation responsibility

JMSDF Command and Staff College

(VADM HABUCHI Hiroyuki, President, JMSDF Command and Staff College)

4. Place

- (1) Ceremony, Keynote speech, Session: JMSDF Command and Staff College
- (2) Field Tour: Japan Ministry of Defense and JSDF (Ichigaya Area)
- (3) Cultural tour : Tokyo

5. Participants

Naval officers with the rank of O-6 who are currently an instructors or faculty of the Command and Staff College/the Naval War College or equivalent

6. Participating countries (23 countries)

Australia
Brunei Darussalam
Kingdom of Cambodia
Canada
Republic of Chile
Republic of Fiji
French Republic
Republic of India
Republic of Indonesia
Italian Republic
Malaysia
New Zealand
Independent State of Papua New Guinea
Republic of Peru
Republic of the Philippines
Republic of Korea
Republic of Singapore
Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
Kingdom of Thailand
Kingdom of Tonga
United Kingdom
United States of America
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

7. Main theme

Efforts toward Free and Open Indo-Pacific: Naval Cooperation in an Era of Uncertainty

8. Keynote Speech

(1) Keynote speaker

Prof. OKUYAMA Masashi, Tama University Graduate School

(2) Presentation title

How to Think Strategically?

9. Session Themes

(1) Session I : Leadership Education for Next-Generation Officers

(2) Session II : Prospects and Challenges of Utilizing Unmanned assets in the Navy

(3) Session III : The Role of the Navy and Multilateral Cooperation in HA/DR

10. Notes

The JMSDF has been hosting the Indo-Pacific Naval College Seminar since 1998