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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

Training Cruise 2026

The JMSDF will conduct Training Cruise 2026 in waters off the coast of Japan as described below.

1. Objectives

- (1) To provide officer trainees with on-the-job training opportunities through sea cruises to reinforce their knowledge and skills necessary for the overseas training cruise 2026, develop their seamanship and familiarize them with life at sea
- (2) To improve knowledge and skills for officer trainees regarding command and visionary leadership, as well as to deepen their understanding about the current situation of Japan and the JMSDF

2. Period

March 15–May 15

3. Participating units

- (1) Commanding Officer
RADM AZUMA Ryoko, Commander, Training Squadron
- (2) Units
 - a. March 15–April 21
JS *KASHIMA*, JS *SHIMAKAZE*, JS *TENRYUU*
 - b. April 21–May 15
JS *KASHIMA*, JS *YAMAGIRI*
- (3) Personnel
Approx. 725 personnel, including graduates of the 76th General Officer Candidate Course

4. Ports of call

Etajima (Hiroshima Pref.), Kobe (Hyogo Pref.), Naha (Okinawa Pref.), Sasebo (Nagasaki Pref.), Maizuru (Kyoto Pref.), Ominato (Aomori Pref.), Tokyo (Tokyo Met.), Mitsukue (Ehime Pref.), Kure (Hiroshima Pref.), Toba (Mie Pref.), Yokosuka (Kanagawa Pref.)