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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

Overseas Training Cruise 2026

The JMSDF will conduct Overseas Training Cruise 2026 as described below.

1. Objectives

- (1) To provide officer 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 mindset through sailing in the South China Sea, and other areas
- (3) To promote friendship and goodwill with visiting countries and to contribute to the realization of a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific"

2. Period

March 15–April 26

3. Participating units

- (1) Commanding Officer
CAPT JO Takemasa, Commander, Escort Division 2
- (2) Unit
JS ASAHI
- (3) Personnel:
Approx. 250 personnel, including graduates of the 78th Aviation Officer Candidate Course

4. Ports of call

Republic of Singapore (Changi), Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (Da Nang),
Malaysia (Kota Kinabalu)