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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

Overseas Training Cruise 2026

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

1. Objectives

- (1) To provide trainee officers 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 for 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 Pacific Ocean, the Atlantic Ocean, the Caribbean Sea, Bering Sea and others.
- (3) To promote friendship and goodwill with visiting countries and to contribute to realization of a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific."

2. Period and Distance

- (1) Period
May 16 - October 24, 2026 (161 days)
- (2) Total distance of the cruise
Approx. 30,200 NM (Approx. 54,340 km)

3. Participating Units

- (1) Commanding Officer
RADM AZUMA Ryoko, Commander, Training Squadron
- (2) Units
JS KASHIMA, JS YAMAGIRI
- (3) Personnel
Approx. 530 people, including graduates of the 76th General Officer Candidate Course

4. Port of call

Canada (Halifax, and Vancouver), Iceland (Reykjavik), Republic of Panama (Panama City), United Mexican States (Manzanillo), United States of America (Anchorage, Dutch Harbor, New York, Norfolk, Pearl Harbor, and San Diego)

5. Others

The Overseas Training Cruise has been conducted every year since 1958, and this will be the 70th iteration.