Maritime Security and Cooperation: Japan's Views

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Maritime Security and Cooperation : ARF

"Chairman's Statement of the 24th ARF" (August 2017)

The Ministers also noted the need to strengthen international and regional cooperation and constructive dialogue on maritime security, maritime safety, protection of the marine environment, illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, and other crimes at sea, through the ARF and other ASEAN led-mechanisms such as the AMF and EAMF, ADMM, ADMM- Plus, and the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP). The Ministers further noted the importance of enhancing cooperation among maritime law enforcement agencies, such as capacity building assistance, joint exercises, information sharing including Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) and other related initiatives.

Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia

- > The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre (ISC) was launched in Singapore in 2006.
- The objective is to enhance regional cooperation through information sharing, capacity building and cooperative arrangements in combating piracy and armed robbery against ships.
- Focal points from the twenty Contracting Parties are linked to each other as well as the ReCAAP ISC on a 24/7 basis through its information network.
- > The ReCAAP ISC has published reports, a regional guide to address incidents in Asia, and so on.



1st Capacity Building Executive Programme

•On the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of ASEAN, Capacity Building Executive Programme on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia was held with the cooperation of the ReCAAP ISC in Japan in October 2017.

 Officers from maritime law enforcement agencies of ASEAN member states participated.



Welcome Reception hosted by Mr. Masahisa Sato, Japanese State Minister for Foreign Affairs Visit to JCG-related Facility

 2nd Capacity Building Executive Programme will be held with the cooperation of the ReCAAP ISC in Japan from 19 to 26 May 2018.

 Through sight visits, including the Sea Review and Comprehensive Drill of the Japan Coast Guard, and various lectures, the participants are expected to gain deeper understanding and knowledge on issues related with piracy and sea robbery, and to share best practices and challenges on combating the maritime crimes in the region.



Observation of the Sea Review and Comprehensive Drill of the Japan Coast Guard (2012) 5





PCG High Speed Boat (provided by Japanese ODA)

Joint Exercise; JCG PV and Air craft and PCG PVs On 3rd June, 2017, in Davao, Mindanao Island

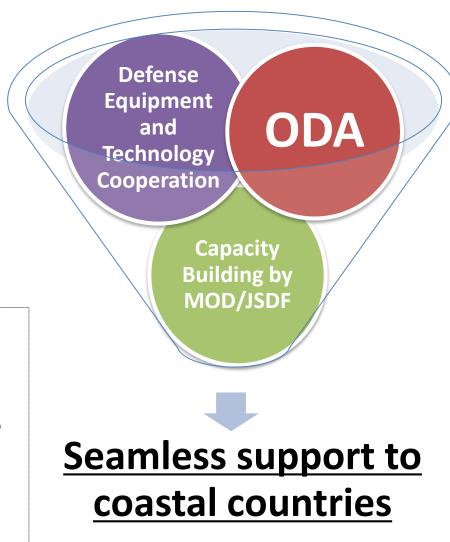


Supporting Efforts by Coastal States



"Japan will <u>combine various</u> <u>options</u> within its assistance menu to support seamlessly the capacity of ASEAN countries in safeguarding the seas.

(Proposed by Prime Minister Abe in his keynote address of 13th IISS Asian Security Summit "Shangri-La Dialogue", May 30, 2014)



Definition of Maritime Domain Awareness

The Government of Japan(GoJ) has defined Maritime Domain Awareness(MDA) as:

"understanding marine related situations efficiently, through effectively gathering and sharing various information on maritime security and safety, natural disaster management, the conservation of marine environment, the promotion of the marine industry ,and the development of science and technology, while carefully dealing with confidential information thereof."





Conservation of Marine Environment

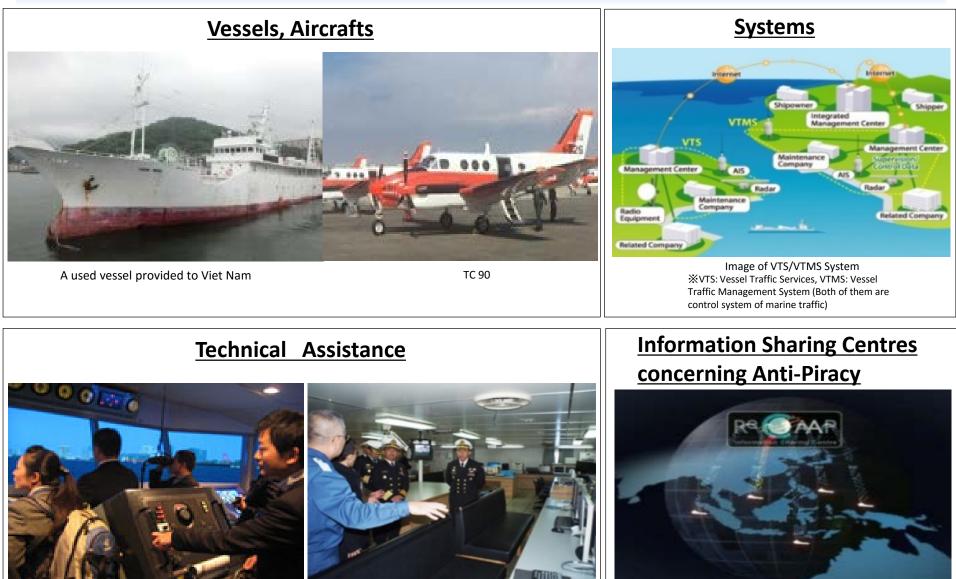


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Japan's Assistance for Strengthening MDA Capabilities

Cooperation to Strengthen Maritime Law Enforcement Capabilities of Other Countries



Visiting the simulation center at Japan Coast Guard Academy

Training in oceanic and charting at MSDF/JCG

Image of ReCAAP-ISC

ARF Workshop on International Cooperation on Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA)"

- On March 7-8, ARF Workshop on International Cooperation on Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA), which was co-chaired by Japan and Malaysia, was held in Japan.
- Needs for enhanced MDA capabilities, best practices in promoting a global MDA network and confidence building measures.



Welcome Reception