

Japan Coast Guard's Efforts on the Multilateral Cooperation

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JCG's Multilateral Cooperation

1. Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting
(HACGAM)

2. Coast Guard Global Summit

- Predecessor Conference:
“Regional Conference on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships”
 Discussed only “Piracy Issue and Capacity Building” (April 2000, Tokyo)
- After 4 expert meetings in Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines and Thailand:
“1st HACGAM” (June 2004, Tokyo)
 Discussed “Piracy, Maritime Terrorism and Capacity Building”
- Current Participating Countries of HACGAM:
20 countries and 1 region
 *ReCAAP-ISC as an associate member

* SOLAS chapter XI-2 and ISPS Code entered into force on 1 July 2004

Past Meetings

	Month / Year	Location
1	Jun. 2004	Tokyo, Japan
2	Mar. 2006	Putrajaya, Malaysia
3	Oct. 2007	Singapore
4	Oct. 2008	Manila, Philippines
5	Jul. 2009	Bali, Indonesia
6	Oct. 2010	Shanghai, China
7	Oct. 2011	Hanoi, Vietnam
8	Oct. 2012	Deli, India
9	Oct. 2013	Pattaya, Thailand
10	Sep. 2014	Yokohama, Japan
11	May. 2015	Manila, Philippines
12	Oct. 2016	Jakarta, Indonesia
13	Oct. 2017	Islamabad, Pakistan

HACGAM Member Countries



HACGAM's major works:

- A) Countermeasures against piracy and armed robbery as well as terrorism at sea
- B) Cooperation for capacity building support
- C) Countermeasures against massive natural disasters
- D) Practical cooperation and collaboration such as joint exercises and seminars/workshops regarding the following 4 pillars;

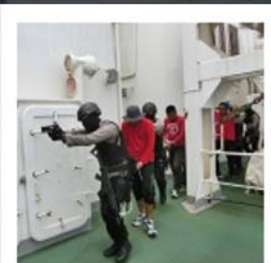
Pillars	Leading Country(s)
Search and Rescue	India
Marine Environmental Protection	Philippines
Countermeasures against Unlawful Acts at Sea	Republic of Korea and Japan
Capacity Building	Indonesia, Malaysia and Japan

HACGAM Activities: Joint Exercise

Joint Exercise: 11th HACGAM 2015 hosted by Philippines



Joint Exercise: 12th HACGAM 2016 hosted by Indonesia



The 13th HACGAM (Previous meeting)

Date: 23-26 October, 2017

Host: Pakistan Maritime Security Agency

Venue: Islamabad, Pakistan

Participating Countries: Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei, China, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Maldives, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam

Other Participants: ReCAAP-ISC (as associated member)

Turkey, Thai MECC (as observers)

Bahrain (as guest)

Outcomes:

- Information sharing on activities regarding four pillars (Search and Rescue, Environmental Protection, Countermeasures against unlawful acts at sea, Capacity Building)
- Adoption on “the Information Sharing Mechanism among HACGAM members”
- Adoption on discussion about establishment of WGs

Next Meeting: 14th HACGAM 2018 will be hosted by Bangladesh Coast Guard



Example of Regional Cooperation Frameworks



The Coastguards have traditionally worked together in cooperation to ensure maritime safety and security as well as marine environment protection utilizing bilateral or regional frameworks to cope with threats to the safety of life at sea and marine environment, and with transnational crimes across borders.

In recent years, however, the global environment has led to more serious disasters and may have an adverse effect on navigational environment worldwide. In addition, changes of societal environment where extremism and radicalism are observed and the resultant threat of terrorism and maritime crimes at sea are concerned.

It is necessary to expand inter-regional cooperation and collaboration among the Coastguards worldwide beyond existing bi-lateral and regional frameworks, and concentrate the entire regions' wisdom, experience and skills to overcome maritime challenges that the world is facing.

The Coast Guard Global Summit served as a new platform of dialogue and cooperation among coast guards and agencies with coast guard functions across the world.

Date: 12-14 September, 2017

Co-Host: Japan Coast Guard and the Nippon Foundation

Venue: Tokyo, Japan

Participants: 34 Countries, 1 Area, 3 Int'l Organizations



Discussion:

For the following themes, advanced countermeasures and the best forms of interregional and international cooperation among the Coastguards in the world were discussed.

Themes:

- Maritime Safety and Security
- Marine Environment Protection
- Human Resource Development

Outcome:

As a result of the meeting, the Chairman's Summary was adopted, which recognized the importance of enhancing dialogue and cooperation among the Coastguards in the world in order to overcome maritime challenges that the world is facing.



Participants and PM Abe (State Guest House)



Speech by PM Abe (State Guest)

Extracts from the Chairman's Summary:

9. Henceforth, the Heads reaffirmed their determination to continue providing maritime safety and security as well as marine environment protection by way of encouraging to take the following actions in a concrete manner;
 - 1) To share, among different regions and countries in the world, the best practices and advanced successful experiences in maritime safety and marine environment protection such as emergency responses to major marine pollution, natural disasters and marine accidents in each country and region;
 - 2) To share, among different regions and countries in the world, the best practices and advanced successful experiences in maritime security such as measures against maritime crimes through utilization of new technologies;
 - 3) To share, among different regions and countries in the world, the best practices and advanced successful experiences in education and training for the Coastguards; and
 - 4) To consider establishment of a system for human resource development and the best forms of inter-regional and international cooperation among the Coastguards in the world through deepening understanding of shared principles of conducts globally as the guardian at sea.
10. The Heads consider a coast guard global meeting for further dialogue and cooperation among the Coastguards is necessary.
11. The Heads therefore determine to organize meetings for working level officials to discuss objectives, rules of governance, meeting logistics etc. for further development of this new cooperative framework.