

# Maritime Safety and Security Policy Program



Lecture and exercise



## Human Resource Development in the field of maritime safety and security as national policy of Japan

### 1 Speech by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at the Grand Opening Ceremony for Special Events in Commemoration of the 20<sup>th</sup> Marine Day (July 20, 2015)

Japan's mission is to share our information and experience with like-minded people connected with us by the sea, for the peace and prosperity of the entire international community.

This autumn, the first master's program in maritime safety and security policy anywhere in the world will be inaugurated at a Japanese graduate school and this program will accept coast guard officer candidates from all Around Asia. The goal is not simply the acquisition of knowledge. Rather, it is also to overcome large "waves" and have people all around Asia come to hold their thinking in common. That is the kind of education I wish to aim for.



(Photo by Cabinet Public Relations Office)

### 2 The 13<sup>th</sup> IISS Asian Security Summit, Address by Shinzo ABE, Prime Minister (May 30, 2014)

One participant from Malaysia in the Seminar for leading Coast Guard officials in ASEAN countries said that, "In Japan, the technical aspects of course, but also the high level of morale of each individual is superb. What I wish to take back home with me is this spirit." I feel that this trainee really understood what we were actually trying to convey.



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### 3 National Security Strategy (December 17, 2013)

As a maritime state, Japan will play a leading role, through close cooperation with other countries, in maintaining and developing "Open and Stable Seas," which are upheld by maritime order based upon such fundamental principles as the rule of law.

Japan will invite a broad range of personnel from developing countries, including superior students and administrative officials who are expected to become future leaders. Japan will provide them with opportunities to be familiarized with Japanese system, technologies and expertise. Japan will engage in efforts to maintain and develop such human networks to expand and reinforce the foundations of cooperation.

## Support by Nippon Foundation

The students receive support to enhance its study and construct international network from The Nippon Foundation.



# Human Resource Development for reinforcement of the maritime order governed by law and rules

## Background

Asia contains some of the busiest waterways in the world such as the Strait of Malacca, the Strait of Singapore, and the South China Sea. These heavily trafficked areas play a globally important role in transportation of energy resources, food materials, and industrial products. To ensure smooth and stable marine transit in this booming economic region, coastal countries need to proactively tackle various issues: piracy, maritime disasters, marine environment preservation, smuggling, illegal immigration, and territorial disputes.

The Japan Coast Guard strives to foster relationships with other countries in the region in order to collaboratively cope with the above-mentioned issues. Cooperating closely with relevant agencies in Japan, the Japan Coast Guard contributes to capacity building in countries adjacent to sea lanes by supporting human resource development efforts and the establishment of coast guard agencies.



## Purpose

The Maritime Safety and Security Policy Program (MSP) promotes cooperation and shared understanding among Asian countries in order to ensure the safety and security of waterways in the region. The MSP master's program is open to junior officers from Asian coast guard agencies. In the program, students can connect internationally with others in their field and acquire the following knowledge and skills:

- Advanced practical and applied knowledge
- Knowledge of international law and international relations
- Analytical and practical abilities to propose solutions
- International communication skills



## Eligibility requirements

Applicants should be Junior officers in the Japan Coast Guard or in other Asian coast guard agencies who meet the following requirements:

- Bachelor's degree or higher
- Five years of practical experience at a coast guard agency
- Under 40 years of age
- Sufficient level of English for this program.



## Completion certification

This program is designed to award master's degrees to students who earn at least 30 credits, submit a policy paper, and are recognized as qualified to graduate. Successful students will be granted a Master of Policy Studies Certificate jointly signed by the President of the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) and the Superintendent of the Japan Coast Guard Academy (JCGA).



## Curriculum

The MSP is a collaborative program designed and administered jointly by GRIPS and JCGA. The program curriculum consists of the following chart:

	First period (October to next March)		Second period (April to September)
	National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (Tokyo)		Japan Coast Guard Academy (Hiroshima)
Required Courses	International Relations	International Security Studies	Policy for Search & Rescue, Salvage and Maritime Disaster Prevention
	International Relations in East Asia	International Law of the sea	Maritime Police Policy
	International Law		
Elective Courses	Essential Microeconomics	Essential Macroeconomics	International Comparative Criminal Law
	Government and Politics in Japan	Government and Market	Marine Environmental Science
	International Political Economy	Military Operations, Strategy, and Policy	Traffic Management System
	Comparative Politics	State and Politics in Southeast Asia	Information Management System
	Introductory Statistics	Transnational Organized Crime and Security	Marine System Engineering
	Introduction to Quantitative Methods		
Case Study	Case Study on Maritime Safety and Security Policy, Case Study on Maritime Safety and Security Policy		
Policy Paper	Policy Paper		

## Annual schedule

The standard annual schedule is as follows. Besides, there are some study tours to related facilities of coast guard and some special lectures by experts from in and out of Japan.

Schedule	Contents of implementation
September	Participants' arrival in Japan and orientation
October	Opening ceremony and start of program
October to next March	Study at GRIPS in Tokyo
April to September	Study at JCGA in Hiroshima
September	Move to Tokyo Conferment ceremony, Graduation ceremony, Departure of participants from Japan



## Facility

### 【First Period : October to next March】

National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies  
(7-22-1, Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo)  
Accommodation : JICA Tokyo International Center  
(2-49-5, Nishihara, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo)



National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies



JICA Tokyo International Center

### 【Second Period : April to September】

Japan Coast Guard Academy  
(5-1, Wakaba-cho, Kure City, Hiroshima)  
Accommodation : JICA Chugoku International Center  
(Hiroshima International Plaza, 3-1 Kagamiyama 3-chome, Higashihiroshima City, Hiroshima)



Japan Coast Guard Academy



JICA Chugoku International Center

## JICA's Scheme for the program

This program is implemented as part of international cooperation by JICA. Students stay at JICA International Centers and participate in exchange programs provided by JICA during this program.