

## 「第1回日太平洋島嶼国及び東ティモール乗艦協力プログラム」実施のお知らせ

防衛省・自衛隊は、8月6日から13日にかけて、オーストラリア近海を航行する護衛艦「いずも」において、太平洋島嶼国の海軍士官、沿岸警備隊員等を招へいし、「第1回日太平洋島嶼国及び東ティモール乗艦協力プログラム」を実施しました。なお、本プログラムに併せて、ASEAN諸国の海軍士官も招へいし、「第5回日ASEAN乗艦協力プログラム」も実施されました。

本プログラムは、招へい国からの参加者と、国際法の認識共有や海洋安全保障、人道支援・災害救援（HA／DR）などの様々なセミナーや研修などを通じた能力構築支援及び相互理解・人的ネットワーク構築の促進を図るものであり、防衛省・自衛隊が行っている「自由で開かれたインド太平洋」実現に向けた取組の一つです。

「いずも」艦内では、海洋に関する国際法を含むセミナー各種、艦内で実施される各種訓練の見学、搭載ヘリコプターへの体験搭乗、各国参加者による海洋安全保障に関する発表などのプログラムを実施しました。また、各国からの参加者は、おにぎり作りや日本語勉強会といったアクティビティを通じて日本文化も体験しました。

本プログラムには、当館が兼轄するクック諸島を含む10か国の太平洋島嶼国が参加しました。

### 1st Japan-Pacific Island Countries and Timor-Leste Ship Rider Cooperation Program

From 6-13 August, the Japan Ministry of Defense and the Self-Defense Forces (JMOD/JSDF) invited naval officers and coast guard officers from Pacific Island Countries to the 1st Japan-Pacific Island Countries and Timor-Leste Ship Rider Cooperation Program on board the JS *Izumo* navigating near Australia. Concurrently with this programme, the 5th Japan-ASEAN Ship Rider Cooperation Program was also delivered for ASEAN member states' invitees.

Through this programme, Japan has worked to promote capacity building, mutual understanding, and network building with participants from invited countries through seminars and training programs in various areas, including maritime security and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HA/DR), while also fostering a shared recognition about international law. This is one of the JMOD/JSDF's initiatives to realize a "free and open Indo-Pacific".

On board the JS *Izumo*, the participants attended wide-ranging activities including seminars on various topics such as UNCLOS and HA/DR, an on-board helicopter-boarding experience, presentations on maritime security by the participants, etc. Furthermore, they experienced Japanese culture through activities including making rice balls and Japanese workshops.

10 Pacific Island countries, including the Cook Islands to which our Embassy is accredited, participated in this programme.

Day 0 (6 August): Boarding



Day 1 (7 August): Opening remarks by the Commanding Officer, HA/DR seminar by JMSDF, introductory seminar on the JGSDF Amphibious Rapid Deployment Brigade, and a tour of the watch officer





Day 2 (8 August): Seminars on UNCLOS by JCG and JMSDF



Japanese workshop, onboard physical exercise





Day 3 (9 August): Observing a fire drill and experiencing maritime inspection training



Making rice balls and Japanese sweets





Day 4 (10 August): Presentations by the participants on maritime security



Recreational activities (Soran-bushi performance and ring toss)





Day 5 (11 August): Flight on SH-60K patrol helicopter



Lunch (traditional JMSDF curry and rice)





Day 6 (12 August): Closing ceremony, group photo





Day 7 (13 August): Conclusion of the programme





