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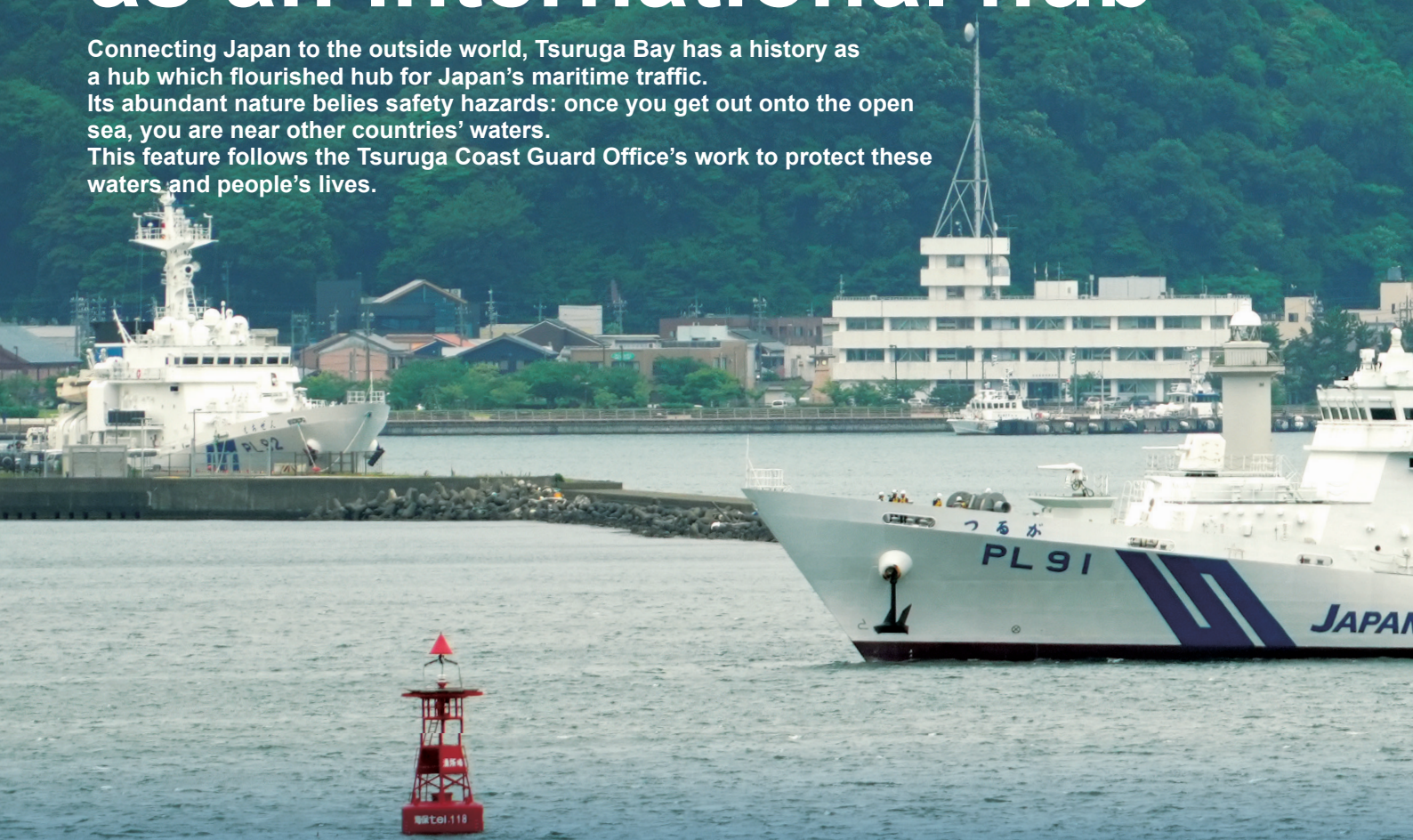
Tsuruga Coast Guard Office, 8th Regional
Coast Guard Headquarters
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Protecting the seas of Tsuruga, which flourished as an international hub

Connecting Japan to the outside world, Tsuruga Bay has a history as a hub which flourished for Japan's maritime traffic. Its abundant nature belies safety hazards: once you get out onto the open sea, you are near other countries' waters. This feature follows the Tsuruga Coast Guard Office's work to protect these waters and people's lives.



In addition to garnering attention for the extension of the Hokuriku Shinkansen line last March, Tsuruga City in Fukui Prefecture has long been considered a gateway to northeast Asia. It has historically flourished as a transport hub, with the Kitamae-bune shipping route carrying throngs of inbound and outbound passengers in the Edo period (1603-1868). A railway between Tsuruga and Shimbashi in Tokyo was opened in 1912 and the Trans-Siberian Railway began operating as an international rail service, traversing the vast Eurasian continent from Siberia to Berlin. With shipping routes connecting Tsuruga to Vladivostok, passengers could travel from Tokyo to Berlin in 17 days. During World War II, Chiune Sugihara wrote "Visas for Life" for many Jewish refugees in his capacity as the Japanese Vice-Consul in Kaunas, Lithuania. Those refugees traveled to Tsuruga Port via Vladivostok.

While this is an area with abundant resources and beautiful landscapes, nuclear power facilities are also concentrated

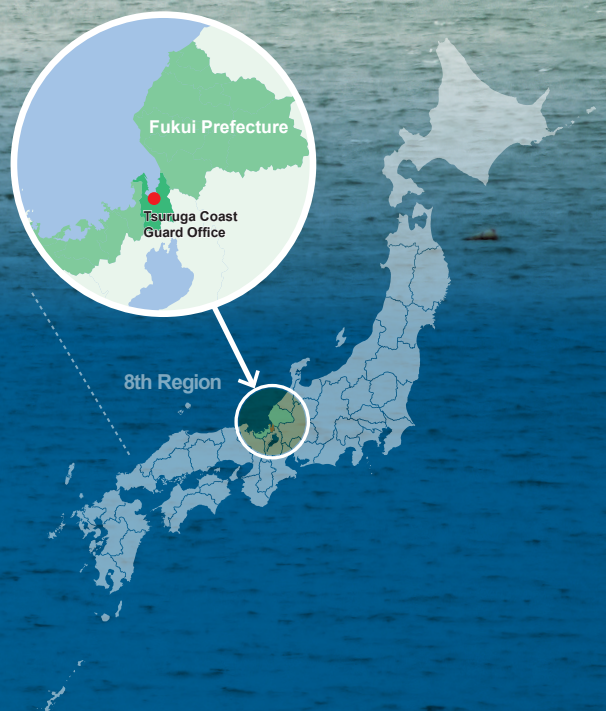
here, posing risks such as accidents and terrorist attacks that leave no room for complacency. Upon assuming the post of Chief of the Tsuruga Coast Guard Office this April, Katsuaki Nagasaki made a statement that was amiable with a steely undertone: "The area we oversee has a long coastline and abductions have occurred in these waters in the past. We will carry out our work vigilantly at all times."

In his role as manager of the security department of the Maritime Security Measures Division for G7 Hiroshima Summit 2023, Chief Nagasaki was involved in all maritime security measures from planning to execution, preparing him for the safeguarding of the critical nuclear power infrastructure that makes up a major part of his current role. He says that he is applying the knowledge he gained in security and anti-terrorism measures for the nuclear power facilities. "In addition to extensive anti-terrorism measures, our security work for the G7 Hiroshima Summit focused on exchanging infor-



mation with the police and public security bodies with an emphasis on management and sharing of security information with key personnel. We make sure to exchange information with the police officers patrolling the grounds of the nuclear power facilities in our current security work.”

His office also handles inland disaster responses in the event of the heavy rains and earthquakes that the long, complex coastline of this region is susceptible to. When heavy rains damaged Minamiechizen Town, Fukui Prefecture in 2022, his office carried out rescues and helped people to navigate the broken roads. They also provided water to the area impacted by the 2024 Noto Earthquake.





Large patrol vessels Tsuruga and Echizen



PL-type Patrol Vessel Tsuruga

Tsuruga

Ensuring strong responses and effective maritime mobility

The Tsuruga is an almighty vessel that can handle all of the Japan Coast Guard's work from patrols to rescues to disaster response. A characteristic of the waters served by the Tsuruga Coast Guard Office is the presence of critical facilities such as nuclear power. Handling these facilities is also important work. It requires effective maritime mobility and strong responses with the limited crew of a patrol vessel.

This means that training of young officers is important. When they begin working on the Tsuruga, I make sure that they always investigate things themselves and then ask, instead of simply asking in order to understand things. Young officers on the Tsuruga obviously have their own strengths and interests, so we figure out how they can use those in their work and provide onboard training to help them improve on their weak areas so that we can increase the collective competence of our responses.

As the Tsuruga and Echizen are the same model of patrol vessel, our respective crews push each other to improve. We also work together with the patrol vessels Hotaka and patrol craft Suisen to protect the Tsuruga area.



ASANO Mitsuyuki
Commanding Officer

◆ Favorite place on a vessel: Bridge* ◆ Favorite sight at sea: When the sun sets over the sea

*The place where the Commanding Officer or Navigating Officer directs navigation

A point of connection between my superior and junior staff

I have spent seven years on the job since I graduated from Coast Guard School and am now a leader of sorts among young crew members. Large vessels are used for patrolling Japan's waters and small vessels are used for purposes such as rescues and crime response. We often deal with urgent situations in our work, so we need to react quickly.

I pass on my experience and knowledge and the things that my supervisors and more experienced colleagues have taught me to my junior staff. I think that I am a point of connection between my superior and junior staff.

In my personal life, I got married last year to a crew member on the patrol vessel Echizen. I spoke to my supervisor and got placed in the same Coast Guard Office as my husband. Since we both work on vessels, when we're not on long voyages we enjoy couple time; we eat dinner together and go to hot springs on our days off.

◆ Favorite place on a vessel: Own room ◆ Future goal: To work onboard as much as possible



ARIMOTO Yuina
Quarter Master

I became a Coast Guard officer because I wanted to save lives

I wanted to do physical work that would help others, so I aspired to become a Coast Guard officer so that I could save lives. I took second place in the Lifesaving Division of the Japan Coast Guard and Rescue Competition (held on December 4, 2024).

While I was working as a member of rescue divers' support team during my first summer as a Coast Guard officer, we couldn't find a missing person. I wished that I had been able to search for that person, and that made me determined to become a rescue diver so that I could do searches myself. Coast Guard have decided that I will attend diving training* soon, which I'm happy about.

I really want to rescue people and bring them home to their loved ones. When I'm a rescue diver, I'll remember that and dedicate myself to saving lives.

*Coast Guard officers are selected from around Japan to attend practical training and study to become rescue divers.

◆ Favorite place on a vessel: The kitchen—you can smell the food cooking! ◆ Future goal: To successfully complete diving training



IMAI Ren
Quarter Master

I left the police for Coast Guard to pursue a job with more variety

After leaving my job as a police officer, I became interested in Coast Guard when I saw a news item about the dispute over the Senkaku Islands. I wanted to work on maritime security, so I studied communications at the Moji Branch of Japan Coast Guard School and became a Coast Guard officer. Since I joined the Coast Guard after working as a police officer, I make sure to offer advice from that outside perspective when I can.

Being a Coast Guard officer is more difficult than working on land as a police officer in many ways—once you're at sea, you can't get back easily, and the items you can bring aboard are limited.

But I think overcoming those challenges makes the work all the more fulfilling.

Being a Coast Guard officer also gives me opportunities to do a lot of different jobs, whereas my range of work with the police was limited.

◆ Favorite place on a vessel: Own room ◆ Future goal: To patrol Japan's waters on a patrol vessel



SHIROMOTO Haruna
Radio Mate



playing a central role in protecting Tsuruga!




KOBAYASHI Masatomo
Commanding Officer

Displaying seamanship during rescues

One delayed response means a delayed rescue, so I tell crew members to treat every rescue the way they would want to be treated.

Professional seamanship is essential during rescues. "One hand for yourself, one hand for your team."

We ensure our safety before carrying out a rescue. Things do not happen by chance. No matter what twist of fate happens, no matter how bad the situation is, as long as anyone require our help, we go anywhere within our reach. There is a phenomenon we see on board called a green flash, where the sun glows in green for just a moment while it sets.

You could say that our connection with the people we rescue is just like that, a blip on a long timeline. I want to treasure those fleeting connections.

- ◆ Favorite place on a vessel: Wings*
- ◆ Favorite sight at sea: Green flashes

*Terraces running along the beam on either side of the vessel



ASHIKAWA Takumi
Machinist's Mate

I want to grow together with junior rescue divers

I have been working on patrol vessels for four years. I now supervise newer rescue divers, and strive every day to make sure I am never surpassed by them.

Through things like training and experience, I know details like the times when diving is possible, which enables smooth diving operations. There have been some cases where we received multiple rescue calls at the same time, but we were able to handle them all with teamwork.

I want to continue applying the variety of experience I have gained as a rescue diver and pass it on to junior rescue divers on the job as I grow with them.

"No matter how difficult a job is, I'll get back home!" That's the mentality I bring to my work. My family inspires me to give jobs my all.

- ◆ Future aspiration: To become a mobile rescue technician
- ◆ Toughest experience: A rescue on a tetrapod



SETO Kenshin
Quarter Master

Acting with compassion

This job sometimes requires emergency callouts on our days off, but it's very fulfilling to do things like cracking down on crime and searching for missing people. When I'm working on board, I place importance on accurate reporting, communication, and consultation, and on acting with compassion toward those around me. At present, I want to gain experience in investigation while working to become a rescue diver. In future I want to become a special rescue team member or a Suppression Techniques Instructor.

On vessels, I place importance on non-work-related communication too: I'll chat in the communal bath with my two colleagues, or we'll play rock-paper-scissors to decide who'll bring the others ice cream.

- ◆ Favorite place on a vessel: The bathroom
- ◆ Future aspiration: To become a rescue diver



MATSUBARA Mikan
Commissary Mate

I want to come up with my own original menu

At first, each time I left port, I was confronted with the difficulties of not being on land—I felt seasick and the boat was rocking so much that the pot on the induction stove was sliding around. But the Commanding Officer always checks in with me and asks for my input, so I can work with confidence at sea. Lately I've even gotten used to using a kitchen knife while the boat is rocking.

It makes me really happy when crew members say "The meal was great as usual!" I'm conscious of the responsibility I hold at sea. At the moment my main job is chopping ingredients, but one day I want to come up with my own original menu.

- ◆ Favorite place on a vessel: Own room
- ◆ Favorite sight at sea: When the waves are calm and the water's surface sparkles

Tsuruga Coast Guard Office

A key base overseeing the vast waters on the east side of our 8th Region, the Tsuruga Coast Guard Office protects the Tsuruga area's waters and people with two large patrol vessels, a high-speed, special-purpose patrol vessel, and a patrol craft.

A base at Tsuruga Port with four patrol vessels

Tsuruga Coast Guard Office has a staff of around 100, with 76 working on four patrol vessels. At present, 10 of the staff are female. The office's core work includes guard and rescue work, including guarding the area's nuclear power facilities, as well as anti-poaching work and monitoring marine leisure activities. Two PL-type patrol vessels, the Tsuruga and the Echizen, were added to the fleet in 2020 based on the Policy for strengthening Maritime safety and security capabilities. A major role these vessels play is patrolling Japan's waters, including bringing delegations to the Senkaku Islands and the Yamato Bank. The more agile PS-type patrol vessel Hotaka and CL-type patrol craft Suisen are used for rescues and security work along the coast.

Poaching does not tend to be an organized crime; in many cases, people enjoying marine leisure activities such as swimming happen to pick up marine resources such as turban shells. The office is working together with relevant bodies and fishing-related organizations on measures to prevent illegal actions during leisure activities. Along with cases related to leisure activities, there have been notable cases of

poaching and shoreline accidents involving foreign nationals in recent years. The office has been conducting regular seminars on prevention of poaching and maritime disasters through a system offering practical training for foreign nationals, as well as raising awareness through means such as multilingual leaflets. The office has also been actively working together with the community on initiatives such as work experience for local elementary and junior high school students to give community members an understanding of the Japan Coast Guard's work and encourage the young generation to work for the Japan Coast Guard in the future.

"The young generation's skills will be essential in our new initiatives, so I look forward to working with them," says Chief Nagasaki. "My credo is that while Coast Guard officers must of course build the knowledge and skills needed to handle this tough work, a job is not a job if without cheer and enjoyment. As times change, I am taking initiatives such as making it easier to take leave and reducing overtime, with my staff's health and the smiles of their families in mind."



Tsuruga Coast Guard Office's patrol fleet

PL-type Patrol Vessel Tsuruga

- Vessel type: 1,000 ton-class patrol vessel (with helicopter deck)
- Total length: 96m
- Total weight: 1,500 tons

PL-type Patrol Vessel Echizen

- Vessel type: 1,000 ton-class patrol vessel (with helicopter deck)
- Total length: 96m
- Total weight: 1,500 tons

PS-type Patrol Vessel Hotaka

- Vessel type: High-speed special-purpose patrol vessel
- Total length: 50m
- Total weight: 220 tons

CL-type Patrol Craft Suisen

- Craft type: 20m class patrol craft
- Total length: 20m
- Total weight: 26 tons

Organization chart for the 8th Region

As of the end of fiscal 2025

Tsuruga Coast Guard Office

- Patrol Vessel Tsuruga
- Patrol Vessel Echizen
- Patrol Vessel Hotaka
- Patrol Craft Suisen

Maizuru Coast Guard Office

Sakai Coast Guard Office

Hamada Coast Guard Office

Miho Air Station

Administration Division

- PR and cooperation with communities
- Maintenance and management of facilities and property such as office buildings and quay walls
- Health management and welfare of staff
- Logistical support for execution of operations

Guard and Rescue Division

- Search and rescue activities in the event of maritime accidents
- Prevention of maritime crime and apprehension of offenders
- Guidance and awareness-raising about conservation of marine environments
- Security and disaster prevention measures for critical facilities, etc.

Maritime Traffic Division

- Awareness-raising to prevent accidents during marine leisure activities
- Ensuring the safety of maritime traffic
- Construction and maintenance of signage for shipping routes

Obama Coast Guard Station Patrol Craft Aokaze

Fukui Coast Guard Station Patrol Craft Asagiri

8th Regional Coast Guard Headquarters

Building an environment where everyone can show their strengths

Voice from staff who tailor their work to their goals and life stages



MIYAJIMA Yuriko
Facilities Section,
Administration
Division

The variety of the work is the source of its appeal

Since there's a variety of work with the Japan Coast Guard, you don't need to change jobs when you enter a new life stage. You can stay with the Coast Guard and find a new work style. That's a major point of appeal. Since joining the Coast Guard, there have been many aspects—my work style, my future—where I've had trouble choosing. I currently work on land, but I only really feel that I'm saving lives when I'm out there, so I want to work at sea again one day. I also constantly think about the fact that I want to be a role model and show others a path they can take.

A memorable event

Enjoying chats with more experienced crew before going to bed on the vessel. I was also really happy that we got to have seasonal dishes on the vessel.

Working to apprehend offenders effectively

My first job after graduating from the Japan Coast Guard School was Tsuruga's high-speed, special-purpose patrol vessel. After that, I worked on the Ishigaki Coast Guard Office's dedicated vessel for surveillance of the Senkaku Islands, and now I'm back in Tsuruga as a Chinese-speaking International Investigator. There are many cases of poaching in Fukui Prefecture and it is essential to strengthen our measures to apprehend offenders. This sometimes includes entering and inspecting foreign vessels. You have to be physically fit for this, so I've been training hard outside work.

Future goal

To pass on what I have learned to young staff members



MATSUSHIMA Kyosuke
Security Measures
Section,
Guard and Rescue
Division

MURAOKA Keita
Maritime Traffic Section,
Navigation Safety
Division

Proposing awareness-raising specific to different ages and accidents

Part of the Coast Guard's work is to provide people with information on staying safe at sea. I wondered if we could also reach out to children, so I proposed a collaboration between the Japan Coast Guard and Juratic, the official dinosaur mascot of Fukui Prefecture. My proposal was accepted by the Prefectural Office and I put it into action right away. In 2024, there were many cases of swimmers being bitten by wild dolphins in Fukui Prefecture, so I came up with designs specific to those accidents too. I made stickers, focusing on making them easy to take home and easy to understand and making them a suitable size. I was happy to see that they were well received not only by children but by their parents too. I'd like to expand my awareness-raising outside Fukui Prefecture to the greater Nagoya area and to Kyoto, Osaka, and Kobe.

Future goal

To contribute to ensuring safe and secure maritime traffic around Tokyo Bay

I can continue working full time while raising children

Using the systems for taking pre-birth, post-birth, and childcare leave enabled me to see my child's growth up close each day. Those were very happy days for me.

On returning to work, I was happy that my world, which had thus far only consisted of raising my child, expanded through my interactions with everyone at work. That connection to wider society through my job has been a lifeline for me.

The Japan Coast Guard offers various work schedules. So, after I came back from childcare leave, I tried out various work setups and am now working full time on a schedule that makes nursery dropoffs and pickups easy. It's reassuring to know that everyone is understanding about things like childraising and so if something comes up, they willingly accommodate me.

Future goal

I like the scenery I can see from the boat when we leave port, so I want to go to sea again when my child is older

KITaura Mone
Administration
Division





Women in various roles



1 2nd Navigation Officer KAMII Miyu, the first female Suppression Techniques Instructor at the 8th Regional Coast Guard Headquarters. She says that she was good at swimming and participated in competitive swimming and water sports at school, but had no experience at all with things like martial arts. **2** Receiving her letter of appointment as a Suppression Techniques Instructor from the Chief of the Tsuruga Coast Guard Office **3** 2nd Navigation Officer KAMII gives suppression training to both male and female Coast Guard officers. "I can suppress most men easily," she says casually.

The 8th Region gains its first female Suppression Techniques Instructor!

The 8th Regional Coast Guard Headquarters gained its first female Suppression Techniques Instructor in 2025. Suppression is one of the most fundamental skills required in Coast Guard work. Our new instructor shares how she holds her own against larger men.

On June 9, a ceremony was held to appoint a new Suppression Techniques Instructor at the Tsuruga Coast Guard Office. That new Suppression Techniques Instructor is KAMII Miyu, second Navigation Officer on the Patrol Vessel Echizen. The Japan Coast Guard appointed its first female Suppression Instructor in 2018, and now 11 of the 329 Suppression Techniques Instructors nationwide are female. 2nd Navigation Officer Kamii is the first female Suppression Techniques Instructor at the 8th Regional Coast Guard Headquarters.

2nd Navigation Officer KAMII joined the Coast Guard in 2018 and is in her third year working at sea. She has served as a 2nd Navigation Officer on the Echizen since this April. She was inspired to join the Coast Guard after seeing Coast Guard officers searching for missing people after the Great East Japan Earthquake when she was an elementary school student.

"Before I came to Tsuruga, I mainly did security work on a patrol vessel for strengthening security operations (special guard vessel)," says 2nd Navigation Officer Kamii. "I even did security operations for the G7 Hiroshima Summit. I now do rescue work on a diving-designated vessel. I'm conscious of the fact that my work helps others."

Honestly, 2nd Navigation Officer KAMII wasn't good at suppression techniques at all at first, and says "I assumed that Suppression Techniques Instructors become people who were experienced in martial arts, or were big and strong. I'm uncoordinated, so I struggled with the techniques even after being taught them many times. I thought it was impossible for me to do them, but I knew that suppression is essential in Coast Guard work." This is why she began working to become a Suppression Techniques Instructor. "It made me determined to train in these techniques so that I could help people who struggle like me to master them."

She says she has continued studying. "I look at Suppression Techniques Instructors who are small like me and compare their movements to mine, and conversely, I analyze how bigger people move too. I also study the structure of the body and figure out the best places to twist and the most effective ways to twist them, and the direction the joints move in."

"Mastering something you couldn't do before is a fun experience, and I want as many people as possible to know that women can take on strong opponents. Opponents tend to assume that being female or small is a weakness, but I want to overcome those weaknesses to improve the way Coast Guard officers suppress offenders when an incident occurs."

There are more female Coast Guard officers than before, but I think there still aren't many. There are more women wanting to join, so I want to actively take on challenges to inspire other women to join the Coast Guard and take on various challenges themselves. I want us to work together to get more women into these roles."

What are suppression techniques?

Unlike judo and kendo, the purpose of suppression techniques is to safely restrain an opponent who is resisting. These techniques restrain an opponent in a way that keeps the suppressor safe and does not injure the opponent any more than necessary. At the Japan Coast Guard, Suppression Techniques Instructors who have completed Suppression Instructor training work with Coast Guard officers to improve their ability to suppress offenders when an incident occurs.



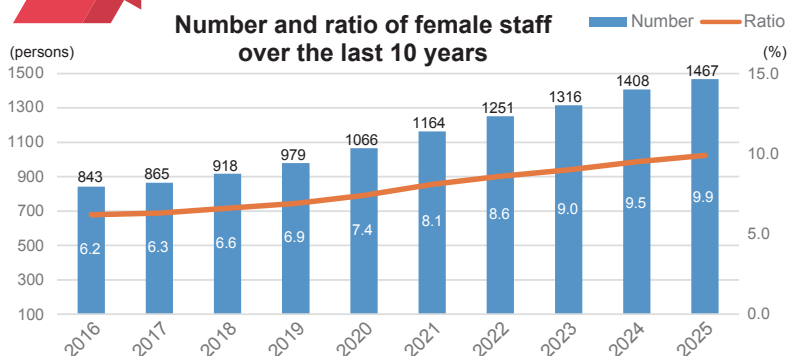


Women at the Japan Coast Guard

Women are in a wide range of roles at the Japan Coast Guard, from frontline work to executive roles handling critical management.



The Japan Coast Guard began admitting female students to the Japan Coast Guard School in 1979. **As of April 1, 2025, 1,467 female employees (around 9.9% of all employees) currently work for the Japan Coast Guard.**



Superintendent



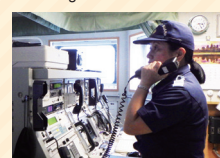
Aircraft Pilot



3rd Navigation Officer



Director for Test and Researcher



3rd Communications Officer



Rescue Diver

Life-work balance: Initiatives for the advancement of female employees

The Japan Coast Guard uses the term “**life-work balance**,” as we believe that **life** should come before **work**.

Promotion of flexible work (remote work, etc.)

- Approximately 1,800 devices set up for remote work

Around 1,400 in fiscal 2020

Around 400 in fiscal 2022



Reflecting feedback and requests from female employees

- Various rooms equipped for women when building new vessels

When building new patrol vessels, women’s opinions are reflected regarding the furniture in various rooms for women (bathrooms, toilets, laundry rooms) and the placement of features such as hand rails.

The photos show the facilities on the patrol vessel Echizen.



Appealing work environments set up

- Managers encourage staff to take leave

In addition to setting a target for staff to take 15 days of leave per year, managers recommend taking leave for purposes such as childcare and caring for family members.

- Improving living environments for staff on vessels, etc.

Staff on patrol vessels with helicopters are now able to send and receive personal emails on the vessel.

- Posting couples together for fixed periods



- Creation and use of maternity uniforms

Since loaning of the uniforms began in April 2018, changes are being made in response to users’ feedback. For example, pockets were added in 2022.



A maternity uniform

Promoting the use of systems providing support for life-work balance

- Systems providing support for life-work balance are explained on the Japan Coast Guard’s internal network

The Japan Coast Guard aims for all male staff members who have become fathers to take at least one month of leave when their child is born.

Taking childcare leave is recommended, as are systems such as remote working and flex time, so that fathers can be involved in childcare.



JCG wins the Commercial Division at the 62nd Galaxy Awards

JCG's X account



A YouTube video called The Story of a Coast Guard Officer, designed by the 3rd Regional Coast Guard Headquarters (Yokohama City, Kanagawa Prefecture) and produced by Yomiko Advertising Inc., won the Commercial Division at the 62nd Galaxy Awards. The team attended the awards ceremony. The video won for its depiction of the everyday work of a Coast Guard officer.

*The Galaxy Awards were established by the Japan Broadcasting Critics Association to recognize outstanding programs, individuals, and organizations in the hopes of improving the quality of Japan's broadcasting culture.



Commandant SEGUCHI Yoshio accompanies Prime Minister ISHIBA on observation of Philippine Coast Guard

JCG's X account



On April 30, 2025, Commandant SEGUCHI Yoshio accompanied prime minister ISHIBA Shigeru to observe a patrol vessel, the Teresa Magbanua, that Japan supplied to the Philippine Coast Guard and oversee technical guidance provided by a Mobile Cooperation Team (MCT*) from the Japan Coast Guard.

Commandant SEGUCHI also observed the National Maritime Center (NMC), met with the Commandant of the Philippine Coast Guard, and verified points regarding the strengthening of collaboration and cooperation between the two Coast Guards.



*A dedicated division supporting overseas Coast Guards in improving their capabilities



Maiden voyage by training vessel Itsukushima

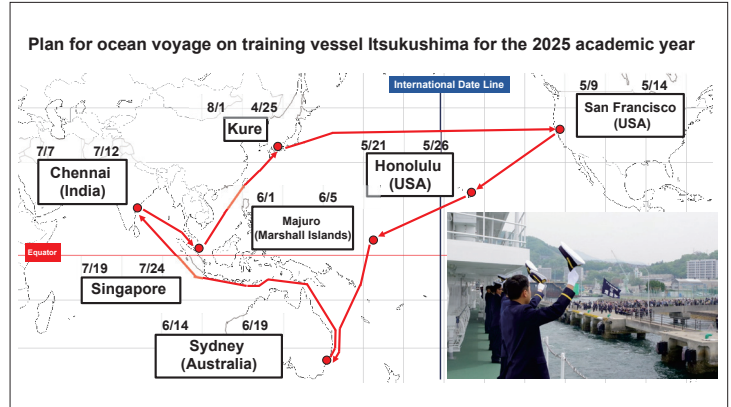
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Each year, graduate students and other graduates of the Japan Coast Guard Academy go for a voyage on a training vessel to equip them with the knowledge and skills required of junior officers, develop their mental stamina, practical skills, and leadership, and foster a global perspective.

51 of those trainees have embarked on the maiden voyage of the training vessel Itsukushima, which entered service in July 2024, continuing the traditions built with the training vessel Kojima.

The voyage will cover a total of approximately 44,500km over a period of 99 days from April 25 to August 1, 2025.



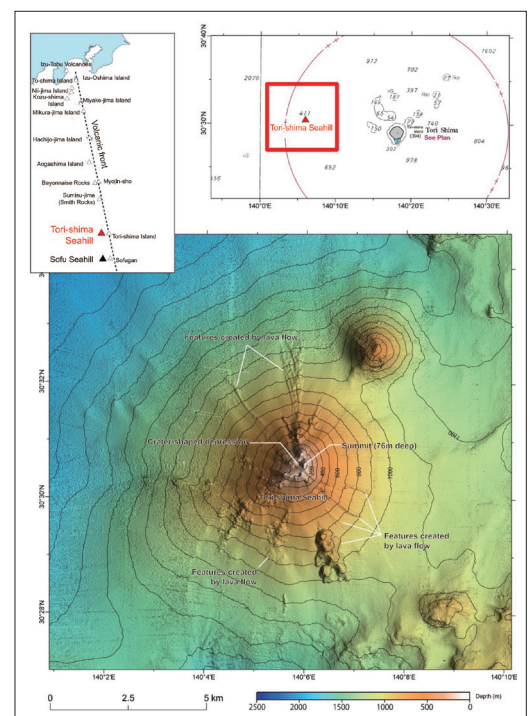
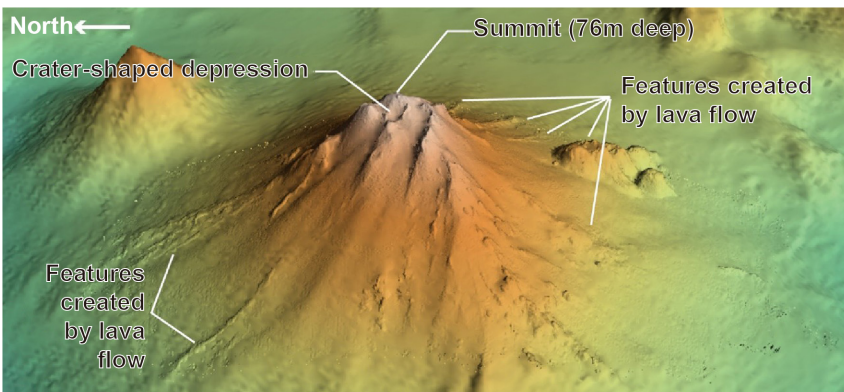
Active submarine volcano discovered in neritic zone to the west of Tori-shima Island

JCG website



On March 1 and 2, 2025, a submarine topography survey of the Tori-shima Seahill, approximately 20km to the west of Tori-shima Island, was conducted on the surveying vessel Takuyo as part of a survey to gather basic information on marine volcanoes.

The survey produced the first detailed topographical information on the entirety of the Tori-shima Seahill. It was discovered that shallowest point of the seahill's summit is 76m below the surface, over 300m shallower than the previously known depth. It was also discovered that several eruptions producing lava flow have occurred in the past, and that the seahill is an active volcano that still produces eruptions such as fumaroles today. The Japan Coast Guard will carry out further endeavors to gather and organize basic information on submarine volcanoes in future.





Call received about capsized vessel in the waters of Ishinomaki City, Miyagi Prefecture, all 6 people on board rescued safely!

On May 1, 2025, the crew of the Himawari 9, which was sailing through the waters of Ishinomaki City, Miyagi Prefecture, made a call to 118 saying that they had found a capsized vessel in the waters of Kinka-san, and that the six people on board were standing on the bottom of the capsized vessel calling for help.

Upon receiving the call, the Japan Coast Guard immediately mobilized a patrol vessel and aircraft, and the crew of the patrol vessel safely rescued the six people on board.

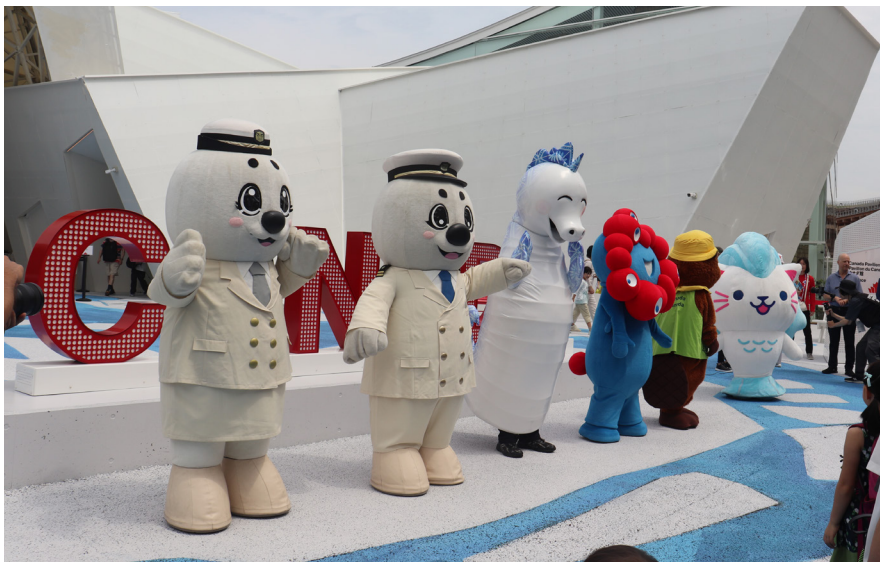


Umimaru and Umin appear at EXPO 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan

JCG's X account



On World Ocean Day, sea- and water-related mascots from around the world gathered at the Canada Pavilion. Japan was represented by Umimaru and Umin, the Japan Coast Guard's PR mascots.





JCG Commandant gives first speech at Asia Security Summit

JCG website



Commandant SEGUCHI Yoshio of the Japan Coast Guard made his first appearance at the Asia Security Summit (Shangri-La Dialogue*), held in Singapore over a three-day period from May 30 to June 1, 2025. On May 31, he gave the Japan Coast Guard's first speech in a special session called Cooperative Maritime Security in the Asia-Pacific.

In his speech, he asserted that Coast Guards must act as guardians enforcing laws, that it is essential for Coast Guards to strengthen their capabilities on a global scale in response to globalization and diversification of marine issues in recent years, and that it is important for all parties involved to work together to overcome issues facing marine safety and security.

*A conference held by the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), a British think tank. The purpose is for defense ministers, councilors, and experts from the Asia-Pacific region and Europe to meet for free discussion about safety and security issues in the Asia-Pacific region and worldwide.



X accounts for all JCG headquarters and schools

As of May 12, Coast Guard Day*, all JCG headquarters and schools have X accounts! Prior to this, only the Japan Coast Guard as a whole and the Japan Coast Guard Academy had accounts.

QR codes for all of the accounts can be found on the back cover! The accounts share updates specific to each region and school.

*The Japan Coast Guard was founded on May 12, 1948. The first Commandant, Takeo Okubo, hoisted the Japan Coast Guard flag. This day was established as the anniversary of the Japan Coast Guard's founding, and has been known as Coast Guard Day since 2000.

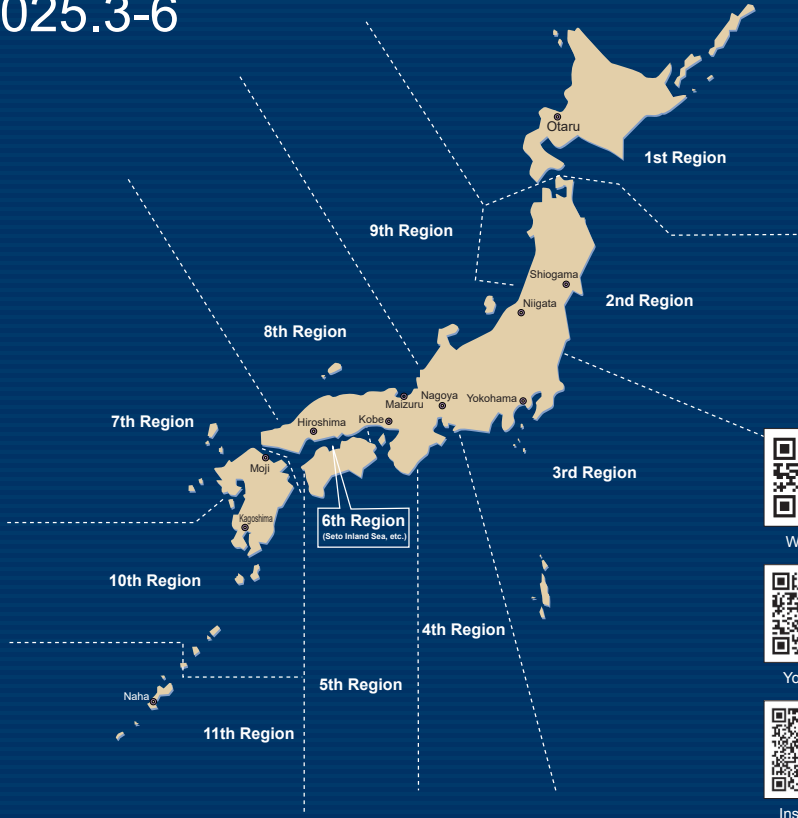
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Commemorative photo with mascot Heartora taken at the Annual Meeting of the Japanese Association for Disaster Medicine



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7th Region | Oita Coast Guard Office

New patrol craft Sekikaze entered service



Website



YouTube



Instagram

10th

8th Region | Miyazu Coast Guard Station

JCG PR activities at the Umi Machi Festival



22nd

10th Region | Miyazaki Coast Guard Office

Ceremony for the designation of Kurasaki Lighthouse as an Important Cultural Property (Building)



23rd

School | Japan Coast Guard School

Japan Coast Guard School graduation ceremony



April

12th

Academy | Japan Coast Guard Academy

Academy and school entrance ceremonies for the 2025 academic year



16th

8th Region | 8th Regional Coast Guard Headquarters

Coast Guard and JMSDF Aigake Curry Press Conference



26th

3rd Region | Ogasawara Coast Guard Station

Chichi-jima Island Children's Festival



May



3rd

3rd Region | Shimizu Coast Guard Office

Omaesaki Lighthouse was specially opened to the public



4th

11th Region | Naha Coast Guard Office

A patrol vessel was specially opened to the public for the Naha Hari dragon boat race



11th

6th Region | Fukuyama Coast Guard Station

JFE West Japan Festival in Fukuyama (Fukuyama Coast Guard Station booth)



25th

School | Japan Coast Guard School

Tanabe Castle Festival



31st

5th Region | Osaka Coast Guard Office

Maritime Parade, Osaka Sailing Expo 2025



June

1st

1st Region | Otaru Coast Guard Office

Patrol vessel Esan opened to the public



1st

Academy | Japan Coast Guard Academy

Kure Sea Expo/Watatumisai 2025



5th

2nd Region | 2nd Regional Coast Guard Headquarters

Large cruise ship accident training at Sendai Port



7th

11th Region | Nakagusuku Coast Guard Office

Water Week 2025



11th

4th Region | 4th Regional Coast Guard Headquarters

Departure ceremony for patrol vessel Mizuho



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Always wear a **Life jacket**



In case of **incident or accident** at sea, dial **118**

Make sure you have reliable **means of communication**



Before Going Out to Sea
— Don't Forget to Inform Others

Your destination

Expected time of return

Your current location

Be sure to let your family, friends, or those around you know.

Take a moment to confirm safety conditions before engaging in marine activities.



Water Safety Guide



Safety Check Before Enjoying the Ocean