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Japan Coast Guard

## Practical Initiatives of Japan, the U.S. and the Republic of Korea Trilateral Cooperation

### ~ Providing capacity building support to ASEAN through joint seminars! ~

On May 30, 2025, Japan Coast Guard(JCG) dispatched its officers to the joint seminar and tabletop exercise organized by the Korea Coast Guard held in Busan, Korea in order to strengthen mutual cooperation of Japan, the U.S., and Korea CGs (3CGs). Besides, 3CGs provided capacity building support for the ASEAN Coast Guard officials.

#### **1 Background**

- Based on the “Spirit of Camp David,” which had been announced at the August 2023 Trilateral Summit Meeting, the 3CGs signed a letter of intent in San Francisco, U.S., in May 2024. Since then, the 3CGs have conducted joint SAR exercise in Maizuru, June 2024 and Japan–U.S.–Korea joint capacity building support for ASEAN and Pacific island countries in Yeosu city, Republic of Korea, in November 2024.
- In this time, JCG officials participated in the seminar and tabletop exercise on SAR organized by the Korea Coast Guard (KCG) in conjunction with the arrival of the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) cutter “Stratton” in the Busan port, in Republic of Korea.

#### **2 Outline of the event**

Venue: The Park Hyatt Hotel, Busan city, Republic of Korea

Participants:

Japan: JCG Headquarters officers

United States: USCGC“STRATTON” Crew members, etc.

Korea: KCG Headquarters officers,

Others: ASEAN CGs officials etc.

Seminar:

- (1) Laws, regulations, and unique systems related to maritime safety and rescue in each country
- (2) Case studies of maritime accidents and analysis of countermeasures

Tabletop exercise:

- (1) Response procedures for maritime accidents
- (2) Public–private cooperation systems in each country

### 3 Result (Summary)

- In this seminar and tabletop exercise, the JCG officials introduced Japan's maritime SAR system and the past incidents. They also took a facilities tour of KCG rescue units. etc.
- Through these activities, 3CGs could share knowledge on maritime SAR, etc., contributing to strengthen the joint cooperation. The trilateral cooperation could achieve capacity building support to the ASEAN CG officers.
- The JCG will continue to promote efforts to collaborate and cooperate with overseas CGs in order to realize a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP)."



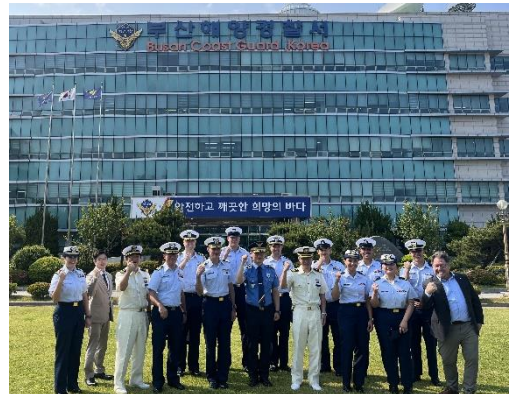
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