



July 25, 2025  
Japan Coast Guard

**Exchange event with the Canadian Coast Guard  
on the occasion of their icebreaker's "First arrival" in Hakodate  
～ Towards realization for "Free and Open Indo-Pacific" ～**

"First arrival" in Hakodate of the icebreaker "Sir Wilfrid Laurier" belonging to the Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) on July 9, the captain of CCG vessel paid a courtesy call to the Chief of the Hakodate Coast Guard Office. Then, the Japan Coast Guard (JCG) and CCG conducted a mutual ship visits between the patrol vessel Tsugaru belonging to the Hakodate Coast Guard Office and the icebreaker "Sir Wilfrid Laurier". Through the exchange events and various other initiatives, we have strengthened our partnership and cooperation with the CCG.

**1. Date and Location**

**(1) Courtesy call to the Chief of the Hakodate Coast Guard Office**

Date: July 9, 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Location: The Hakodate Coast Guard Office

**(2) Mutual ship visits**

**① CCG staff visit the Patrol Vessel Tsugaru**

Date: July 9, 9:40 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Location: The Bandai Wharf, Port of Hakodate

**② JCG staff visit the icebreaker "Sir Wilfrid Laurier"**

Date: July 9, 11:00 a.m. to 00:15 p.m.

Location: The Wakamatsu Wharf, Port of Hakodate

**2. Participating Institutions and Assets**

**(1) JCG**

The Patrol Vessel "Tsugaru"

(Hereinafter, "Tsugaru")

Gross tonnage 3,100 tons

Belongs to the Hakodate Coast Guard Office



(2) CCG

The icebreaker “Sir Wilfrid Laurier”  
(Hereinafter “Sir Wilfrid Laurier”)  
Gross tonnage 3,812 tons



Courtesy of the CCG

3. Results Summary

- The JCG was cooperated with the CCG and other Canadian organizations in various ways in the deployment of “Sir Wilfrid Laurier” to the North Pacific.
- During the CCG “Sir Wilfrid Laurier” in Hakodate port, several exchange events were held, such as a courtesy call to the Chief of the Hakodate Coast Guard Office by the captain of CCG vessel, a mutual visit between “Tsugaru” (a ship tour and exchange of opinions) and the CCG icebreaker “Sir Wilfrid Laurier”, a demonstration of maritime rescue exercises by “Tsugaru”. Through those exchanges, we were able to share knowledge and built trust, and strengthening cooperation and collaboration with each other.
- The JCG will continue to promote efforts for coordination and cooperation with foreign coast guard agencies and other organizations to realize a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific".



Courtesy call to the Chief of the Hakodate Coast Guard Office



Opinion exchange by the crews of  
JCG and CCG



Ship Tour in the JCG “Tsugaru”



Rescue exercises by the JCG "Tsugaru"



Ship Tour of the CCG "Sir Wilfrid Laurier"



Group photo (The Japan Coast Guard, The Canadian Coast Guard)