



October 22nd, 2025  
Japan Coast Guard

## Participation in the 21st Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting (HACGAM)

The 21st Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting (HACGAM) was held in Sydney, Australia. Commandant SEGUCHI Yoshio attended on behalf of the Japan Coast Guard. The meeting took place from October 13<sup>rd</sup> (Mon) to 16<sup>th</sup> (Thu).

At the meeting, the participants shared information on their effort and good practices and discussed the new initiative of HACGAM Vision 2030 proposed by Australian Border Force and the Secretariat of the HACGAM (Japan Coast Guard).

### **1 Date and Location**

Date: October 13<sup>rd</sup> (Mon) to 16<sup>th</sup> (Thu), 2025

Location: Sydney, Australia

### **2 Participants**

26 countries, 1 region and 2 organizations participated.

(1) Member Country or Region (21 countries and 1 region):

Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, France, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Pakistan, Philippines, South Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Turkey, Vietnam, Hong Kong (China)

(Myanmar is one of the members but was not participating.)

(2) Associate Member (2 organizations):

ReCAAP-ISC, UNODC-GMCP

(3) Observer (4 countries):

United Kingdom, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste

(4) Guest (1 country)

Italy

### 3 Summary

- HACGAM members exchanged opinions in five working groups, “Search and Rescue”, “Environmental Protection”, “Preventing and Controlling Unlawful Act at sea”, “Capacity Building” and “Information Sharing/ Joint Exercise”, and agreed to continue enhancing cooperation in various fields.
- Joint Statement agreeing on the new initiative of HACGAM Vision 2030 proposed by Australian Border Force and the Secretariat of HACGAM (Japan Coast Guard) was adopted.
- China was elected as host country in 2026.



Plenary session



Closing Remarks by Commandant



Group Photo

Joint Statement  
21st HEADS OF ASIAN COAST GUARD AGENCIES MEETING  
(HACGAM)

The 22 countries, 1 region, and 2 agencies of the Meeting members, which are the Heads of the Asian Coast Guard Agencies of Australia; Bahrain; Bangladesh; Brunei; Cambodia; China; France; Hong Kong (China); India; Indonesia; Japan; Republic of Korea; Lao PDR; Malaysia; Maldives; Pakistan; Philippines; Singapore; Sri Lanka; Thailand; Turkiye and Vietnam with participation of ReCAAP-ISC and UNODC-GMCP as Associate Members, as well as the head of the Myanmar Coast Guard who was unable to attend the 21st HACGAM in Sydney, Australia on October 15th, 2025, within a framework that fully respects the competence and the principle of voluntary engagement of each HACGAM member;

**Confirm** to strengthen cooperation to ensure and promote maritime safety in the region, and based on the Joint Statement of the 10th HACGAM held in Yokohama in 2014, the Meeting members will continue to work together and proactively utilize the framework of the Meeting to ensure safe and beautiful Asian seas for the future;

**Recognize** the importance of strengthening practical cooperation based on the basic philosophy of HACGAM, moving from the meeting room into the field;

**Commend** the progress of the five working groups, led by Indonesia, China, India, Pakistan, Australia, and Republic of Korea, whose initiatives contribute significantly to maintain “Safe, Secure and Clean Seas for Future”;

**Acknowledge** the report by ReCAAP-ISC on the latest situation of piracy and armed robbery in Asia, as well as the efforts of the HACGAM members, ReCAAP Focal Points, and their law enforcement agencies;

**Agree** on the new initiative of HACGAM Vision 2030 proposed by Australian Border Force and the Secretariat as well as the Key Core Pillars identified by each working group, and confirm to continue discussions on Action Items and Timeline;

**Welcome** the participation of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, The Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, The United Kingdom, and New Zealand as observers and the Italian Coast Guard as a guest;

**Appreciate** China for its generous offer to host the 2026 HACGAM and for the invitation to all members;

**Express** appreciation for the tremendous efforts and excellent coordination by Australian Border Force to host HACGAM;

**Affirm** that maritime security partnerships among nations are effective in ensuring and promoting maritime safety in the region and agree to maintain and develop this partnership to ensure “Safe, Secure and Clean Seas for Future”.