



MARITIME SAFETY AND SECURITY POLICY PROGRAM



海上保安庁
JAPAN COAST GUARD



*Gateway to
Global Leadership*

LOCATION

■ Fall / winter term (October - March)

National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS, Tokyo):

7-22-1 Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo

Tokyo Accommodation: Tokyo Center, JICA

2-49-5, Nishihara, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo

■ Spring term (April - July)

Japan Coast Guard Academy (JCGA, Hiroshima):

5-1 Wakaba-cho, Kure-shi, Hiroshima

WEB: https://www.jcga.ac.jp/shisetu/center_seisaku.html

Accommodation: Chugoku Center, JICA

3-3-1, Kagamiyama, Higashi Hiroshima-shi, Hiroshima



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Tokyo Center, JICA (Tokyo)



Chugoku Center, JICA (Hiroshima)

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SUPPORTING PARTNER INSTITUTION

■ Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

As a part of Japan's Technical Cooperation, the program is conducted under the framework of JICA's Knowledge Co-creation Program (Group and Region Focus). During the program, students stay at JICA International Centers in Tokyo and Hiroshima, and participate in various programs as JICA's training participants.

CURRENT STUDENTS AND GRADUATES

I N D I A : Indian Coast Guard

Indonesian Maritime Security Board,

INDONESIA : National Search and Rescue Agency,
Indonesian Sea and Coast Guard

J A P A N : Japan Coast Guard

MALAYSIA : Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency,
Marine Department of Malaysia

PHILIPPINE : Philippine Coast Guard

SRI LANKA : Sri Lanka Coast Guard

V I E T N A M : Vietnam Coast Guard

THAILAND : Thai Maritime Enforcement Command Center

TOPIC 1

Graduates of the Maritime Safety and Security Policy Program make courtesy call on Prime Minister Shinzo Abe

On August 29, 2018, graduates from the program were invited to join the current students for a courtesy call on Prime Minister Abe at the Prime Minister's Official Residence. Prime Minister Abe offered this encouragement: "I hope you will make use of the knowledge that you have learned and the 'friendship of the sea' network that you have built up over the year to protect the development and prosperity of your respective nations, under our shared principle of protecting a free and open maritime order based on the rule of law."



TOPIC 2

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe mentions the Maritime Safety and Security Policy Program in a United Nations General Assembly general debate

On September 25, 2018, Prime Minister Abe mentioned the Maritime Safety and Security Policy Program in a general debate at the 73rd session of the United Nations General Assembly. In the debate, he said, "Maritime order is the rule not of power but of laws and rules. Every year, a class of students who have learned that invariable truth, and who have made it a guiding principle in their lives, heads out to sea from Japan. This is very promising. Training these protectors of a free and open Indo-Pacific is truly a noble mission for Japan."



Photo: Official Website of the Prime Minister of Japan and His Cabinet



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Promoting International Maritime Order based on the Rule of Law and Freedom of Navigation through Capacity Building of Coast Guard Organizations in the Indo-Pacific Region

FOREWORD / SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES

The Program is aimed at assisting coast guard officers in the region to foster their abilities to formulate high-level maritime safety and security policy and effectively address global maritime challenges.

In recent years, maritime crimes such as drug smuggling, human trafficking, and piracy are significantly increasing and posing serious threats to regional countries including Japan in the Indo-Pacific region. It is, therefore, imperative for us to improve capabilities of coast guard organizations having mandate to maintain regional maritime safety and security. The Maritime Safety and Security Policy Program (MSSP), jointly organized by the Japan Coast Guard (JCG) and the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) provides opportunities for young officers of such organizations to acquire necessary abilities to achieve this goal both at policy and field level, with Master Degree level education.

In this one-year program, junior officers from the JCG and other coast guard organizations from Countries in the Indo-Pacific region will study eight months at GRIPS in Tokyo and another four months at the Japan Coast Guard Academy (JCGA) in Hiroshima. At GRIPS, students will study in various courses including international law, international relations, international security, etc. At the JCGA, they will take more practically oriented courses, such as maritime law enforcement and policy, marine environment, and ship management/operations. Students also learn how to effectively deal with variety of maritime events and accidents by undertaking case-studies of past events and conducting table-top exercises on SAR operations, suppression of criminal activities, and maritime disaster response operations.

By the end of the program, students are expected to acquire abilities to creatively formulate policy and effectively address maritime challenges. Most importantly, they are expected to develop strong personal bonds that will enable them to work together to deal with issues and challenges they encounter today and will do so in the in the future.



Japan Coast Guard Academy (JCGA, Hiroshima)

National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS, Tokyo)



QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPLICANTS

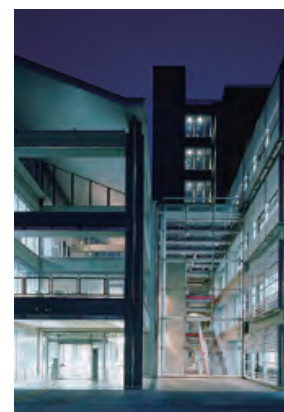
1. Holding of qualifications to be accepted to post graduate school, as stipulated by the School Education Act of Japan. (Japanese applicants only)
2. Officers of maritime safety and security organizations, having 3 or more years of work experience.
3. Under the age of 45
4. Having sufficient English command to be demonstrated by a transcript TOEFL iBT score of 79 points or higher, or IELTS Academic score of 6.0 or higher, obtained within 2 years before application.



CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

	Fall and winter terms (October - March)	Spring term (April - July)
Courses Compulsory	National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (Tokyo) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Relations International Relations in East Asia International Law of the Sea International Security International Law 	Japan Coast Guard Academy (Hiroshima) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy for Search & Rescue, Salvage and Maritime Disaster Prevention Maritime Law Enforcement Policy
Optional/ Recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essential Microeconomics Essential Macroeconomics Government and Politics in Japan Government and Market Comparative Politics States and Politics in Southeast Asia Basics of Statistics Non-Traditional Security Basics of Quantitative Analysis Methodology The World and the SDGs Military Operations, Strategy and Policy International Political Economy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Comparative Criminal Law Introduction to Oceanography Marine Environment and Pollution Prevention Traffic Management Systems I・II Information Management System I・II Fundamentals of Advanced Energy Engineering Ship Maneuverability and Actual Operation
	* Minimum of 4 credits.	* Minimum of 4 credits.
Exercise	Case Study in Maritime Safety and Security Policy I・II	
Themed Research	Individual Research Activity - Writing of Research Paper (equivalent to Master Thesis)	

Extra-curricular activities, such as study tours to JCG bases and facilities and special lectures by external policy/service experts will also be organized.



PROGRAM CALENDER

Late September

Overseas students arrival in Japan
Program guidance and orientation



Sep.

Oct.

Nov.

Dec.

Jan.

Feb.

Mar.

Apr.

May

Jun.

Jul.

Aug.

Sep.

October

Opening ceremony

October - March

Study at GRIPS (Tokyo)

April - July

Study at JCGA (Hiroshima)

August

Move to Tokyo
Summer Program

September

Graduation
September Graduation

