



MARITIME SAFETY AND SECURITY POLICY PROGRAM

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 the capabilities of coast guard organizations having the mandate to maintain regional maritime safety and security. The Maritime Safety and Security Policy Program (MSP) jointly organized by the Japan Coast Guard and the GRIPS provides opportunities for officers of such organizations to acquire necessary abilities to achieve this goal both at policy and field level with Master's Degree level education.

In this one-year program, officers from the JCG and other coast guard organizations from countries in the Indo-Pacific region will study for eight months at GRIPS in Tokyo and another four months at the JCGA in Hiroshima. At GRIPS, students study various topics including international law, international relations, international security, etcetera for compulsory courses. And students are also able to receive some optional courses as well. At the JCGA, they will take more practically oriented courses, such as maritime law enforcement policy, marine environment, and ship management/operations. Students also learn how to effectively deal with a 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, students 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 future.



Japan Coast Guard Academy (JCGA, Hiroshima)

National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS, Tokyo)



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QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPLICANTS

1. Present Position : An officer working in a maritime safety and security related organization in one of the following positions:
 - Section chief or equivalent at a central authority (if serving under a central authority)
 - Assistant division chief or equivalent at a local authority (if serving under a local authority)
 - Lieutenant, Lieutenant Commander or Commander (or an equivalent rank)
 - Inspector or superintendent (or an equivalent title if in law enforcement)
2. Job experience in maritime safety and security related areas/organizations; three years or more.
3. Educational Background: Having a bachelor's degree or its equivalent
4. Admission priority will be given to applicants who have a TOEFL iBT score of 79 or higher, or an IELTS Academic score of 6.0 or higher.
5. Under the age of 45



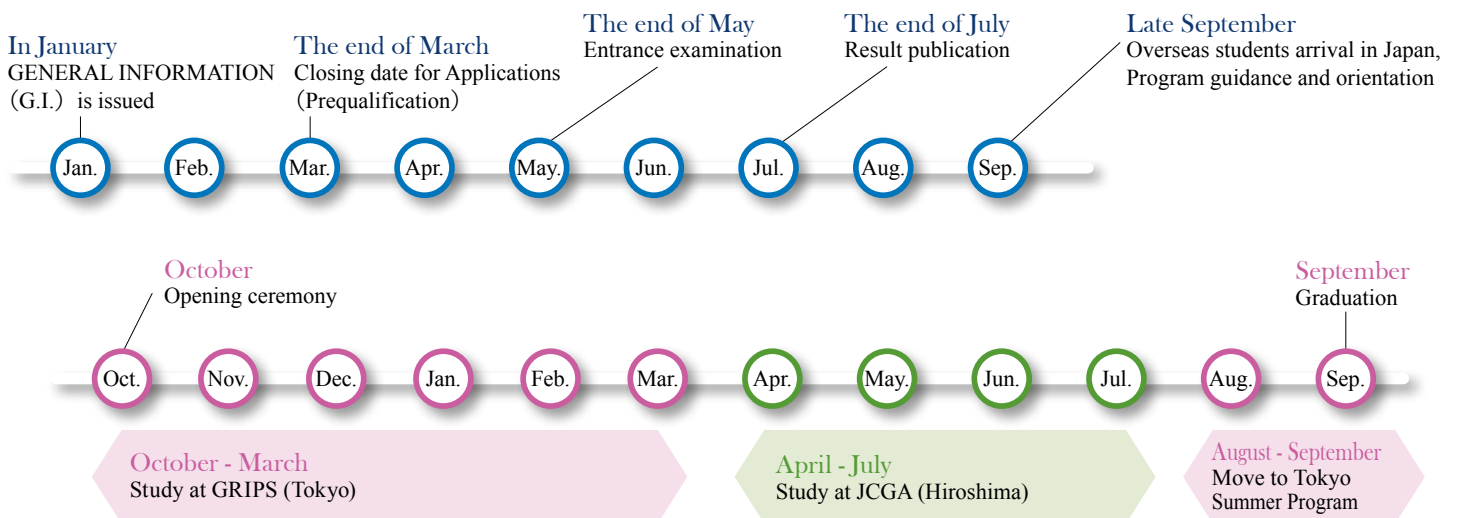
CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

	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 Security Studies International Relations in East Asia International Law of the Sea International Law 	Japan Coast Guard Academy (Hiroshima) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy for Search & Rescue, Salvage and Maritime Disaster Prevention Maritime Police Policy
Optional/Recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essential Microeconomics Essential Macroeconomics Government and Politics in Japan Government and Market Comparative Politics State and Politics in Southeast Asia Basics of Statistics Non-Traditional Security Introduction to Quantitative Methods The World and the SDGs Military Operations, Strategy and Policy International Political Economy <p>* Minimum of 4 credits.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Comparative Criminal Law Introduction to Oceanography Marine Environment and Pollution Traffic Management Systems I-II Information Management System I-II Fundamentals of Advanced Energy Engineering Ship Maneuverability and Practical Operation <p>* Minimum of 4 credits.</p>
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 facilities and special lectures by external policy/service experts will also be organized.



PROGRAM CALENDER



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

Indonesia Coast Guard

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

J A P A N : Japan Coast Guard

M A L A Y S I A : Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency,
Marine Department of Malaysia

P H I L I P P I N E : Philippine Coast Guard
Maritime Industry Authority

S R I L A N K A : Sri Lanka Coast Guard

V I E T N A M : Vietnam Coast Guard

T H A I L A N D : Thai Maritime Enforcement Command Center

B A N G L A D E S H : Bangladesh Coast Guard

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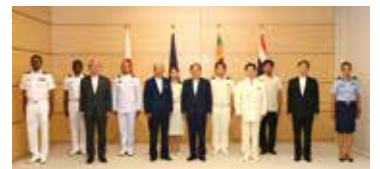
Prime Minister Shinzo Abe mentions the Maritime Safety and Security Policy Program in a United Nations General Assembly general debate

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."



Graduates of the Maritime Safety and Security Policy Program make courtesy call on Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga

On August 30, 2021, the Prime Minister received a courtesy call from the students of the sixth MSP. The Prime Minister said in his address, "This program is designed to deepen mutual understanding and exchanges among maritime safety organizations of Asian countries and promote the collaboration among countries toward ensuring safety at sea. I am convinced that you are expected to make a great contribution to the peace, security, and development of the Indo-Pacific region with the fundamental values of a free and open order based on the rule of law, rather than the rule of force, by leveraging bonds you forged through eating and sleeping together in Japan."



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