Japan’s Defense Capacity Building Assistance
Overview of Japan’s Defense Capacity Building Assistance

What is Defense Capacity Building Assistance?
Capacity Building Assistance is assisting other nations to build their defense capacities through using the resources of our country. In the area of security and defense, the Japan Ministry of Defense (JMOD) and the Japan Self-Defense Force (JSDF) use their capabilities and resources to assist other nations’ militaries or military related organizations.

Background behind Defense Capacity Building Assistance
In an increasingly complex security environment, no single country can secure its own peace and security independently, and the international community needs to address global issues in concert. In particular, the need for capacity building assistance in areas of humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HA/DR), maritime security, and UN mandated peace keeping operations (PKO) is rapidly increasing, and many nations including South East Asian countries call for Japan’s assistance through bilateral and multilateral channels.

Defense Capacity Building Assistance and broader national policy

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<td>National Security Strategy of Japan (extract)</td>
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Efforts of Defense Capacity Building Assistance by the Ministry of Defense and Japan Self-Defense Forces

Based on policies and views stated above, the JMOD and the JSDF use its own abilities and resources to support to the needs of other nations in the following ways.

1. Recipients: Military or military related organizations of nations
2. Area of cooperation: HA/DR, Maritime Security, PKO, etc.
3. Types of Assistance
   - Long-term education and training in recipient countries
   - Short-term seminar and training in recipient countries
   - Short-term invitation program in Japan
4. Objectives: Stabilization of international security environment by achieving the following goals:
   ① The recipients of our assistance contribute to international security independently
   ② Closer relations with the recipients of our assistance.
   ③ Closer relations with assisting countries including but not limited to the United States and Australia
   ④ Gaining trust from the international community
We are providing capacity building assistance to a number of nations.

### Overview

- **Mongolia**
  - Civil Engineering
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- projects conducted by Japan
- projects conducted in cooperation with other countries
Introduction to our capacity building projects

The Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste: Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief
Development of human resources in the field of equipment maintenance

Timor-Leste became independent in 2002, making it the youngest nation in Asia. Our country has been heavily involved in the stabilization of Timor-Leste through United Nations Transitional Administration in Timor-Leste, United Nations Mission in Timor-Leste and United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste. The Timor-Leste Defense Force has little history, and requires assistance to develop its human resources, technology and capabilities. Due to the slow development of public infrastructure and mountainous terrain, Timor-Leste suffers greatly from natural disasters such as floods. For these reasons and following a strong request from the government of Timor-Leste, the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF) has been working on the development of human resources focusing on the control and maintenance of vehicles.

I joined the Timor-Leste Defense Force in 2009 out of a desire to defend the independence of Timor-Leste and contribute to social progress as a soldier. I became part of the Maintenance Company, where my senior serviceman taught me about changing tires and oil. The Ministry of Defense began offering vehicle maintenance training in December 2012, and it made me very happy to have been able to take part in phase I and II. Opportunities to systematically learn about vehicle maintenance are virtually nonexistent in this country. The latter half of phase II, in particular, provided a nonstop stream of new experiences as JGSDF members became my instructors. We always chatted with each other when working and did cleaning during breaks. Although it was difficult to get good at being punctual and communicating, I learned that doing so was a major part of teamwork and safety management. At the end, instructors showed me how to perform maintenance in the field and their speed astounded me. My goal now is to study hard and become able to repair the many non-operation vehicles sitting at camps.

I really enjoy training with JGSDF personnel. The instructors teach us closely and repeatedly review things we find difficult. Break times find us teaching each other Tetun and Japanese, and every day I learn to say more and more. Someday I would like to see one of the JGSDF maintenance garages where my instructors work. I also plan to work hard to see that the Timor-Leste Military, so lacking in many things, can one day repair vehicles by themselves.
Kingdom of Cambodia : PKO
Road construction training for PKO

Twenty five years ago, Japan sent its first deployment of Self-Defense Force to UN Peace keeping Operations in Cambodia. At the request of the Cambodian Government, the Ground Self-Defense Force has provided road construction training at Cambodia’s PKO training center (NPMEC*) since 2012. Thanks to the assistance of many nations, Cambodia has transitioned from a country that receives PKOs to a country that contributes to UN PKOs.

*NPMEC: National Centre For Peacekeeping Forces, Mines and Explosive remnants of war Clearance.

Invited excellent officers to Japan to undertake “train the trainer” programs.

Training for detailed operations
Education for hypothetical irrigation maintenance in Lebanon

Training for educating directors of road construction
Creating construction plans using pebbled roads as teaching materials, education on construction maintenance

Basic education on general knowledge of road construction
Basic education on measurement, soil quality, heavy equipment, and work estimate

Preliminary field survey
Confirmation of needs

The trained officers have deployed to a number of UN PKOs

I am teaching at the Cambodian army’s PKO training center. In 2012, I participated in the capacity building assistance for road construction hosted by the Japanese Ministry of Defense. I was able to use what I learned during my deployment in the UN PKOs in Lebanon. To be more precise, the educational content was useful for the hilly terrain in Lebanon. As I am working for the Cambodian army’s PKO school, I am teaching based on what I learned from the educational sessions held by the Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force. I hope to continue utilizing the knowledge I learned from the sessions in my future missions.

Voice

Lieutenant Colonel Teau Chanrithy
NPMEC affiliated Engineer Educator
(Participant in 2012 operation)
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam: Underwater Medicine

**What is underwater medicine?**
Underwater medicine analyses the physical impact of diving, and solves issues caused by diving. In the area of defense, underwater medicine teaches about underwater illnesses and treatments for such illnesses when officers are providing aid at sea, disposing bombs underwater, or investigating countries’ gulf.

In Vietnam, a country with an increasing interest in maritime security, an advanced knowledge of underwater medicine is a requirement. Therefore, following a request from Vietnam, Japan has assisted in underwater medicine since 2012. The underwater medicine seminar includes going over the basics of underwater medicine, sharing education systems for underwater medicine, as well as real life examples of underwater illness from our experiences. We also invite Vietnamese military’s related personnel to observe our Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) institutions. In our 2013 and 2015 seminars, American and Australian experts of underwater medicine also joined, and we conducted a trilateral joint seminar, in which we shared our knowledge and lessons learned.

**Voices**

**Rear Admiral Thanh (during training)**
**Vietnamese Navy vice commander**
(Participant of the first seminar in 2012)

I feel very happy to have received assistance from Japan on our capacity building for underwater medicine. From this interaction, I hope to see an even further progression in our Vietnam-Japan relationship. For the Vietnamese Navy, underwater medicine is a new field and there is high interest to learn about it. Japan is advanced in many fields of medicine. Vietnam has developed in certain particular military medicine such as treatments of burns and the recovery of damaged internal organs due to the long war, but we still need to improve on new areas of medicine. For this area of medicine, the Vietnamese army is still at the starting point, and we are greatly interested in Japan’s medical technology.

**Captain Doan (during training)**
**Vietnamese Navy Headquarter**
(Participant of the fourth seminar in 2014)

Through this seminar, I recognize that the friendly relation between the Vietnamese Navy, the JMSDF, the Australian Defense Force, and the US Armed Forces is developing. Although this was our fourth seminar, I recognize that our country still does not have enough experience or infrastructure. This seminar was extremely worthwhile thanks to the participants from the three countries. As a representative of the the Vietnamese Navy Headquarters, I am very grateful.
In the Philippines, an archipelagic country like Japan where many natural disasters such as typhoons and floods occur, a quick and country-wide response, including to the remote islands, is necessary. Therefore, in the Philippines, improving the capacity for a quick supply of emergency relief goods by the military is an important task. With our highly experienced and skilled forces in responding to natural disasters, the JSDF deployed one of the largest group of personnel to the Philippines in the case of the 2013 typhoon to conduct disaster relief.

There was also an agreement on cooperation at the Japan - Philippines summit meeting in June 2013, and in February 2015, we invited the Philippine Air Force to our country and conducted seminars on aviation transportation of relief goods. We have plans to continue assisting Philippines in its HA/DR capacity building.

Colonel Augusto Vinzons Gaite (during training) Air Staff Office, Philippine Air Force

It is the first time for the Philippine Air Force to visit Japan as part of capacity building, and this is indeed a very new area of cooperation. In this visit we learned about techniques and procedures of dropping aid goods, and after I return to the Philippines, I hope to spread this knowledge in the Philippine Air Force. I would like to make this opportunity as new beginnings for even stronger Japan-Philippines relations, and to continue this relationship into the future.

The Philippine Air Force wants to strengthen relations with the Japan Air Self-Defense Force. Between the Philippines and Japan, we have a common interest in the stability and prosperity of the region, and we also share interests in the fields of both traditional and non-traditional security issues.

We consider Japan Air Self-Defense Force as a reliable strong brother, and we want to deepen our ties.

I hope that we were able to learn from Japan Self-Defense Force, and that the Japan Air Self-Defense Force could learn something from us too.
Cooperation with assisting countries

To ensure the security and stability of our region, cooperation with other countries is vital. In particular, our cooperation with the United States, Australia and the United Kingdom is developing at both policy and operational levels.

Japan-US 🇯🇵 🇺🇸
In the 2+2 Joint Statement of April 27th 2015, Japan and the US have explicitly stated the continuation of close cooperation including in capacity building assistance for the peace, stability and prosperity of the region. We reaffirmed this in the Japan-US summit meeting in the same month, and also at the Japan-US defense ministerial meeting in November of the same year.

Japan-Australia 🇯🇵 🇦🇺
In the 2+2 Joint Statement of November 22nd 2015, we clearly stated our goal to strengthen capacity building cooperation in South East Asia and the Pacific region.

[Exchange of officials]
Based on the agreement at the September 2012 Japan-Australia Defense Minister’s Meeting, three officials have been mutually exchanged between Japan and Australia to promote cooperation in capacity building by sharing mutual knowledge and experiences. The sharing of views and knowledge also assists to advance Japan-Australia cooperation.

Japan-US-Australia 🇯🇵 🇺🇸 🇦🇺
In the Triilateral Defense Ministerial Meeting of May 30th 2015, we agreed to continue capacity building cooperation to maintain maritime security in the region.

For example, the following trilateral efforts have been made:

HARI HAMUTUK (Timor-Leste) (October – November 2015)
1. Outline: Collaborated with the US and Australia in the Australia-led engineering exercise in Timor-Leste (HARI HAMUTUK) through instructing techniques and methods for facility construction and jointly built the skills of the Timor-Leste military engineers.
2. Target of assistance: Logistics Support Component, Timor-Leste Defense Force

The 4th Submarine Medicine Seminar (Vietnam) (March 2015)
1. Outline: Invited underwater medicine experts from both the US and Australia, and jointly conducted a seminar for the Vietnamese Navy. Shared knowledge in the field of underwater medicine.
2. Target of assistance: Medical officers from the Vietnamese Navy

Japan-UK 🇯🇵 🇬🇧
At the January 2016 Japan-UK foreign and defense ministerial meeting, we agreed on further cooperation in capacity building assistance with Southeast Asian countries, particularly in the fields of maritime security, maritime safety, marine conservation, and cyber security.

For example, the following bilateral efforts have been made:

Japan-UK joint HA/DR seminar (Philippines) (January 2016)
1. Outline: Japan and the UK co-hosted a seminar in the Philippines on HA/DR for ASEAN member nations. The Japanese Ministry of Defense presented on Japan’s response during disaster relief efforts.
2. Target of assistance: 40 representatives from ASEAN nations.
List of Past Projects

The Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste

Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief

[Dispatch Project]
- **Program**: Development of human resources in the field of equipment maintenance
- **Target**: Logistics Support component, Timor-Leste Defense Force
- **Period**: (1) December 2012 – March 2013
  (2) October 2013 – March 2014
  (3) June 2014 (invitation program), September – November 2014
  (4) July 2015
  (5) February 2016
- **Location**: Metinaro Military Base, Timor-Leste Defense Force

Civil Engineering

[Dispatch Project]
- **Program**: Participating in the Exercise HARI HAMUTUK hosted by the Australian Defense Force
- **Target**: Logistics Support component, Timor-Leste Defense Force
- **Period**: October – November 2015
- **Location**: Hera Naval Base, Timor-Leste Defense Force

Civil Engineering

[Dispatch Project]
- **Program**: Human resources development program regarding road construction for PKOs
- **Target**: Cambodia’s PKO center’s engineers
- **Period**: (1) January – March 2013
  (2) December 2013 – March 2014
  (3) September – October 2014 (invitation program), October – November 2014
  (4) November 2015
- **Location**: NPMEC in Ondong, Kompong Speu

Kingdom of Cambodia

Military Medicine

[In-country seminar]
- **Program**: Conducted seminars in the fields of hospital administration, human resource development, and the education system of the JGSDF Medical School
- **Target**: Mongolian military medical personnel
- **Period**: (1) October 2012 (2) July 2014
- **Location**: Ulan Bator, Mongolia

[Invitation Program]
- **Program**: Observing JGSDF facilities, the training for mass casualty incidents and pre-opening training of the JGSDF Sapporo Hospital
- **Period**: (1) November 2013 (2) March 2015
- **Target**: (1) Six Mongolian military medical personnel
  (2) Five Mongolian military medical personnel
- **Location**: JMOD, JGSDF Central Hospital, JGSDF Medical School, JGSDF Sapporo Hospital

Civil Engineering

[Dispatch Project]
- **Program**: Program regarding road construction in the field of PKO
- **Target**: Mongolian military engineers
- **Period**: (1) June – July 2014 (2) July – September 2015
- **Location**: Mongolia Central Province

[Invitation Program]
- **Program**: Invited Mongolian army personnel to attend part of a civil engineering course at the JGSDF Engineer School
- **Period**: (1) March 2014 (2) February – March 2015 (3) February 2016
- **Target**: (1) Five Mongolian military engineers (2) Six Mongolian military engineers (3) Nine Mongolian military engineers
- **Location**: JMOD, JGSDF Engineer School

Mongolia
Independent State of Papua New Guinea

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Lao People’s Democratic Republic

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### Aviation Safety

**[Invitation Program]**

- **Program**: Conducted a seminar on aviation safety
- **Period**: March 2014
- **Target**: Five personnel from Air Defense-Air Force of Vietnam
- **Location**: JMOD, JASDF, Hamamatsu Air Base

**[In-country seminar]**

- **Program**: Conducted a seminar on aviation safety
  - In 2015, concurrently held with aviation medicine seminar
- **Period**: (1) September 2013
  (2) November 2014
  (3) November 2015
- **Target**: Air Defense-Air Force of Vietnam

Training by the aviation medicine experiment squad

### Underwater Medicine

**[Invitation Program]**

- **Program**: Conducted a seminar on underwater medicine
- **Period**: (1) October 2012
  (2) May 2013 (US and Australias participated)
  (3) March 2014
  (4) March 2015 (US and Australia participated)
- **Target**: Vietnamese Navy
- **Location**: (1) Hai Phong, Vietnam (Vietnamese Navy Headquarters)
  (2) (3) (4) Nha Trang, Vietnam (87th Navy hospital)

**[Invitation Program]**

- **Program**: A training session on underwater medicine
- **Period**: September 2013
- **Target**: Five Vietnamese navy personnel
- **Location**: JMSDF Medical Planning Office, Maritime Staff Office, JMSDF Underwater Medical Center, JSDF Yokosuka Hospital

Image of underwater medicine seminar

### PKO

**[Invitation Program]**

- **Program**: Introduced the JSDF’s efforts in PKOs for Vietnam’s participation in UN PKO
- **Period**: March 2013
- **Target**: Six personnel from Ministry of National Defense and People’s Army of Vietnam
- **Location**: JMOD, JGSDF Central Readiness Force, Japan Peacekeeping Training and Research Center

**[Invitation Program]**

- **Program**: Conducted a seminar on the JSDF’s efforts in PKO
- **Period**: November 2015
- **Target**: Nha Trang, Vietnam (Vietnam Air Force Academy)
- **Location**: Seminar on aviation medical evacuation

Image of information session about the JSDF’s efforts in PKO

### International Aviation Law

**[Invitation Program]**

- **Program**: Conducted a seminar on international aviation law
- **Period**: February 2015
- **Target**: Vietnamese air force
- **Location**: Hanoi, Vietnam (Air Defense-Air Force of Vietnam Headquarters)

**[Invitation Program]**

- **Program**: Conducted a training session on international aviation law
- **Period**: February 2014
- **Target**: Three personnel from Ministry of National Defense of Vietnam
  - JMOD, JGSDF North Eastern Army
- **Location**: Seminar about natural disaster drills (Michinoku Alert)

Image of providing information about legal procedures and accident prevention efforts

### Maritime Security (Oceanography)

**[Invitation Program]**

- **Program**: Conducted a seminar on maritime security
  - (1) February 2013
  - (2) July 2013
- **Target**: Indonesia navy maritime operations center
- **Location**: Jakarta, Indonesia (Navy maritime operation center)

**[Invitation Program]**

- **Program**: Conducted a training session on maritime security
- **Period**: February 2014
- **Target**: Five Indonesian navy personnel
- **Location**: JMOD, JMSDF Oceanographic Command, etc.

Image of seminar on oceanography/chart creation and the opinion exchange

### International Aviation Law

**[Invitation Program]**

- **Program**: Conducted a seminar on international aviation law
- **Period**: February 2015
- **Target**: Aviation law department of Indonesian Ministry of Defense
- **Location**: Jakarta, Indonesia (Indonesian Ministry of Defense)

Image of seminar on International Aviation Law

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**Republic of Indonesia**
Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief

[Invitation Program]
- **Program**: Conducted seminars on aviation transportation necessary in HA/DR activities
- **Period**: February 2015
- **Target**: Four officers from the Philippine Air Force (Air force headquarters officers and pilots of transport aircraft)
- **Location**: JMOD, JGSDF Narashino Garrison, JASDF Komaki Base

International Aviation Law

[In-country seminar]
- **Program**: Conducted a seminar on international aviation law
- **Period**: June 2015
- **Target**: Legal Officers from the Philippine Air Force
- **Location**: Manila, Philippines (Philippine Air Force Headquarters)

Malaysia

International Aviation Law

[In-country seminar]
- **Program**: Conducted a seminar on international aviation law
- **Period**: June 2015
- **Target**: Legal Officers from Royal Malaysian Air Force
- **Location**: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (Japanese Embassy in Malaysia)

ASEAN Countries

Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief

[In-country seminar]
- **Program**: Co-hosted seminar on HA/DR with the UK
- **Period**: January 2016
- **Target**: 40 representatives from ASEAN nations
- **Location**: Manila, Philippines

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