Pillar 2: Addressing Challenges in an Indo-Pacific Way

Case (21): Cooperation with each country’s armed forces aimed at enhancing the capacity to respond to disasters

1. Basic concept

- Further promote initiatives for HA/DR cooperation of armed forces in the Indo-Pacific region
- Strive to obtain the maximum effects by working closely with the United States, Australia, and other countries which support the vision
- Enhance support for Typically Pacific Island Countries in addition to that for Southeast Asian countries, etc.

⇒ Contribute to enhancing the capacity of countries in the Indo-Pacific region to respond to disasters and increasing their resiliency through HA/DR cooperation project.

2. Specific initiatives (examples of implemented projects)

- Exercise HARI’I HAMUTUK in Timor-Leste
  (Example) Training for the Timor-Leste Defence Force in civil engineering, vehicle maintenance, etc.
  * Collaborative project with the Australia, United States, and New Zealand
- Japan – Philippines, Indonesia, and other ASEAN countries’ HA/DR cooperation projects
  (Example) Knowledge sharing and technical training related to response to massive disasters such as livelihood support in HA/DR operations and cooperation with local governments

- Japan-Laos HA/DR cooperation project
  (Example) Knowledge sharing and technical training in the field of search and rescue, military medicine, and Engineer

- Japan-Papua New Guinea HA/DR cooperation project (Engineering equipment maintenance)
  (Example) Training about engineering equipment maintenance for the Papua New Guinea defence force engineering battalion responsible for disaster response and national infrastructure development

- Contribution through defense equipment and technical exchange, including the introduction of lifesaving systems