



September 16th, 2026
Japan Coast Guard

Participation in the 22nd Heads of Asian Coast Guard

Agencies Meeting (HACGAM)

The 22nd Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting (HACGAM) was held in Hangzhou, China. Commandant MIYAZAWA Koichi attended on behalf of the Japan Coast Guard. The meeting took place from September 7th (Mon) to 10th (Thu).

At the meeting, the participants shared information on their effort and good practices and agreed on the action items, KPIs, and timelines of HACGAM Vision 2030 proposed by Australian Border Force and Japan Coast Guard last year.

1 Date and Location

Date: September 7th (Mon) to 10th (Thu), 2026

Location: Hangzhou, China

2 Participants

(1) Member Country or Region (18 countries and 1 region):

Australia, Bahrain, Brunei, Cambodia, China, France, Hong Kong (China) ,
India, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Myanmar, Pakistan,
Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Türkiye, Vietnam
(Bangladesh, Laos PDR, Maldives, Sri Lanka are the members but didn't
participate.)

(2) Associate Member (2 organizations):

ReCAAP ISC, UNODC-GMCP

(3) Observer (2 countries):

United Kingdom, New Zealand

3 Summary

- HACGAM members exchanged opinions in five working groups, “Search and Rescue”, “Environmental Protection”, “Preventing and Controlling Unlawful Acts at Sea”, “Capacity Building” and “Information Sharing/ Joint Exercise”, and agreed to continue enhancing cooperation in various fields.
- The working groups discussed the action items, KPIs, and timelines of

HACGAM Vision 2030, and reached agreement on them at the plenary session.

- The participated countries and region adopted a Joint Statement incorporating the above two points, with a view to ensure “Safe, Secure and Clean Seas for Future”.
- Pakistan was elected as host country in 2027.



Group Photo



Plenary session



Head of Delegation Meeting

Joint Statement
22nd 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; Brunei; Cambodia; China; France; Hong Kong (China); India; Indonesia; Japan; Republic of Korea; Malaysia; Myanmar; Pakistan; Philippines; Singapore; Thailand; Türkiye and Vietnam with participation of ReCAAP ISC and UNODC-GMCP as Associate Members, as well as the heads of Bangladesh, Lao PDR, Maldives and Sri Lanka who was unable to attend the 22nd HACGAM in Hangzhou, China on September 10th, 2026, 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;

Concur in the Action items, KPIs and Timelines of HACGAM Vision 2030 in each working group.

Welcome the participation of The United Kingdom, and New Zealand as observers;

Appreciate Pakistan for its generous offer to host the 2027 HACGAM and for the invitation to all members;

Express appreciation for the tremendous efforts and excellent coordination by China Coast Guard to host HACGAM; Acknowledge that China Coast Guard introduced the concept of "maritime carbon sink law enforcement" to promote the sustainable development of the oceans, and is making active practice on this; and encouraged to jointly build a community with maritime law enforcement cooperation, with shared maritime security and with integrated maritime governance;

Affirm that maritime security partnerships among members are effective in ensuring and promoting maritime safety in the region and concur in maintaining and developing this partnership to ensure "Safe, Secure and Clean Seas for Future".