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Japan Coast Guard

Quad-at-Sea Ship Observer Mission conducted by the coast guard agencies of Quad (Japan, Australia, India and the United States) partners

～To realize a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific”～

Based on the Quad (Japan, Australia, India and the United States) Leaders’ Joint Statement in September 2024, the second Quad-at-Sea Ship Observer Mission was conducted as collaborative efforts of the coast guard agencies of Quad partners. This initiative is designed to share knowledge and build trust among the coast guard agencies. This time, two Japan Coast Guard officers boarded an Indian Coast Guard ship with Australian and U.S. coast guard officers from India to Australia from Friday, September 25, 2026, to Thursday, October 8, 2026.

1 Implementation period (Local time)

From Friday, September 25, 2026, to Thursday, October 8, 2026　14 days

2 Location

On board the Indian Coast Guard ship “SHAUNAK”

(Between the Republic of India and Australia)

3 Participation Institutions

One or two officers from each Quad member coast guard were participated

Japan Coast Guard (JCG)

Australian Border Force (ABF)

Indian Coast Guard (ICG)

U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)

4 JCG Participants

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5 Summary

○During this Ship Observer Mission, two JCG officers participated and observed various tasks and trainings (small boat boarding training, emergency response training, etc.) conducted by the ICG ship crew, together with participants from Australia and United States, and shared knowledge among Japan, Australia, India and United States.

○In addition, while on board the SHAUNAK, the JCG participants worked on trust-building with the participants from Australia, India and United States, and the crew of the ship, through introducing the work of respective countries and exchanging various opinions.

○JCG continues to strengthen collaboration and cooperation with coast guard agencies of each country in order to realize “Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP)”



〈Participants of Japan-Australia-India-U.S.〉


〈Small boat boarding training〉


〈Opinion exchange by participants〉


〈Radio-communication training〉