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Press Release

Japan Coast Guard conducts Joint Maritime Exercise with Sea Patrol at Shoreline Dock

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On Wednesday, May 6, 2026, the Japan Coast Guard (JCG) conducted a joint exercise of maritime search and rescue with the MIPD Sea Patrol Surveillance Division and other RMI law enforcement agencies at the Shoreline dock. The exercise aims to practice and improve maritime search and rescue techniques through hands-on exercises to save as many lives as possible among those in distress at sea.

The JCG Mobile Cooperation Team (MCT), the division dedicated to supporting the capacity-building efforts of foreign coast guard agencies, is visiting Majuro from Monday, April 27, to Friday, May 8. The visit is part of the program for “Enhancing Human Resources for Maritime Security in the Micronesia Region III”, a five-year initiative funded by the Sasakawa Peace Foundation. This year's training is the last in a series conducted over the past five years.

The MCT has worked closely with the Office of the National Security, the MIPD, the Royal Australian Navy advisors, and the US Coast Guard Mobile Training Team (MTT). The MCT participated in the MTT's training with the MIPD last week. On April 29, at the Sea Patrol Office, where they demonstrated arresting techniques based on Japanese martial arts as a part of collaborative training with the MTT. The MCT is also conducting a four-day joint training, with the Sea Patrol, RMI law enforcement agencies, and visiting Palau law enforcement officers from Monday, May 4, to Thursday, May 7. This training includes basic rescue and first aid exercises, a workshop on international maritime law, and on-water search and rescue operation exercises at the dock today.

During today's joint training, Captain Ryoki Toku, Head of the MCT, stressed that “MCT's engagement aims not only to enhance the capabilities of maritime law enforcement agencies in the recipient country, but also to strengthen cooperation among the related parties in the Indo-Pacific region toward the realization of the FOIP (see below).”

The event coincided with the announcement made by Ms. TAKAICHI Sanae, Prime Minister of Japan, on May 2, of Japan's updated “Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP)” (see https://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/page25e_000278.html). The FOIP initiative aims to make the countries to be more resilient and prosperous together in the Indo-Pacific region with an international order based on freedom”, “openness”, “diversity”, “inclusiveness”, and “the rule of law”. Today's joint training demonstrated close multilateral cooperation as a key element of the FOIP, not only for ensuring safe and free maritime travel and fishing for the RMI people, but also for enhancing the peace and stability of the international community.

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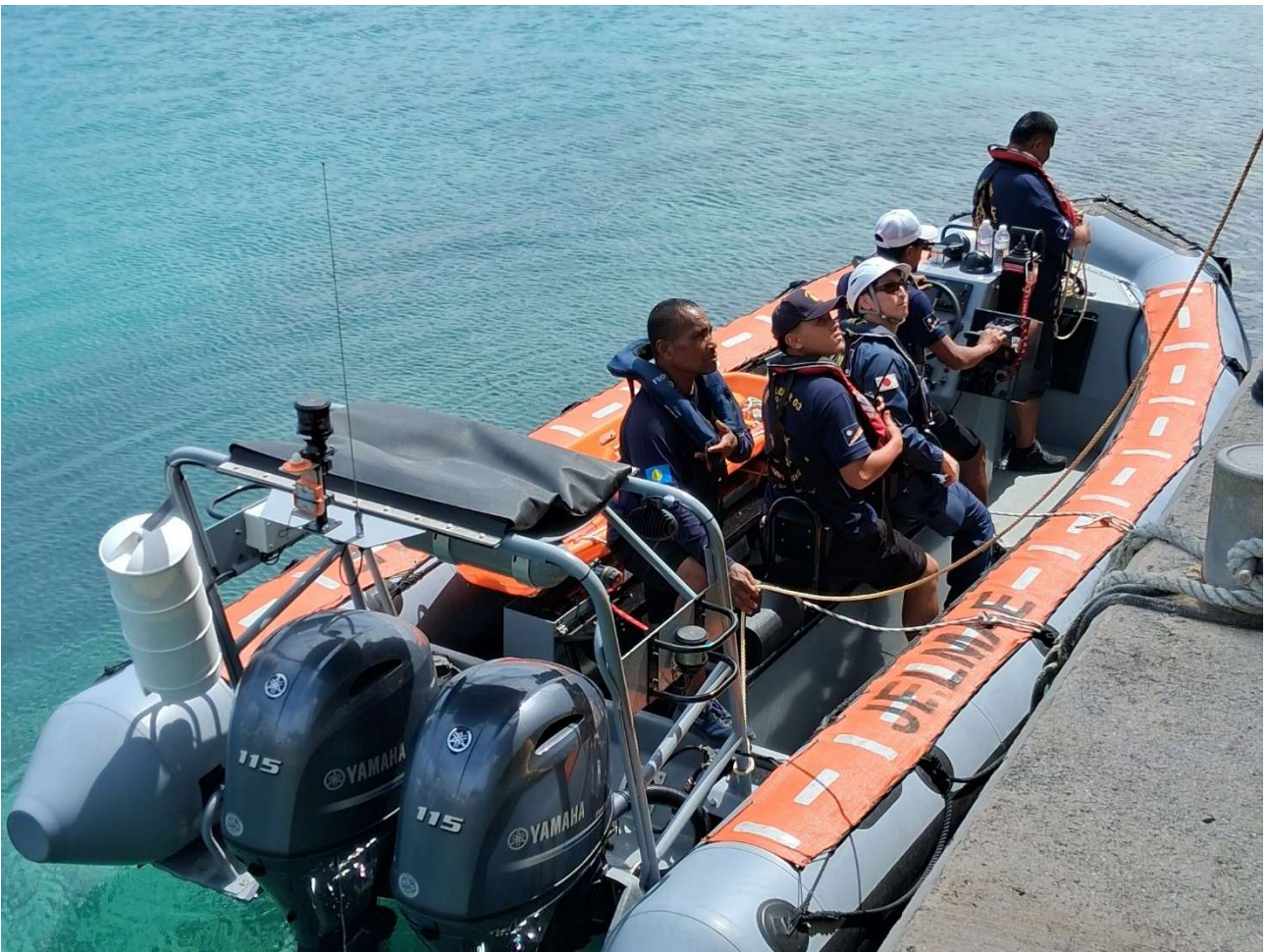
【Photos】



Preliminary briefing (1)



Preliminary briefing (2)



Hands-on training (1)



Hands-on training (2)



Hands-on Training (3)



Hands-on training (4)



Post-training group photo



JCG MCT members and Royal Australian Navy advisors