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Welcome

The JITI Journal is a bimonthly publication of the Japan International Transport Institute, USA (JITI), in which JITI shares information on transportation developments in Japan and elsewhere, as well as recent JITI programs. As a supplement to our regular events, we hope that the Journal likewise serves as a resource for the transportation community.

In this issue, JITI staff member Ryoki Toku gives an overview of capacity building support by the Japan Coast Guard, specifically in Southeast Asian Countries. Additionally, JITI staff member Tatsuya Izumi gives us some insight into his hometown of Yamazaki and many of the exciting places to visit there.

This issue concludes with a roundup of transportation developments articles as supplied by JITI staff members. We hope you enjoy the selection of transportation news articles.

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On October 27th, JITI hosted a seminar at the St. Regis Hotel in which experts and representatives from Japanese and US airline companies who will start Haneda daytime services, Japanese and US tourism agencies who play major roles in business and tourism exchange between the countries, tourism consultants and researchers, as well as academic experts who are familiar with both aviation and the tourism industry to a discussion of the new Haneda daytime services. The speakers discussed a wide range of issues and ideas, as well as participating in a panel and Q&A session with the audience. [Click here](#) for an overview, presentation materials, and bios of the keynote speakers.

[JITI 2016 Self Driving Vehicle Seminar: The Future of Self Driving Vehicle Technology](#)



On May 18th, JITI hosted a seminar at the Mayflower Hotel in which experts from various automobile manufacturers, enforcement agencies, and the transportation sector at large discussed self-driving technology and its recent advancements, including: potential strategies to best apply the technology in the public sector, as well as ways to maintain the safety and security of roads, and the broader issues of cyber security and the potentials of this technology. The speakers also participated in a panel discussion and Q&A session with the audience. [Click here](#) for an overview, presentation materials, and bios of the keynote speakers.

Capacity Building Support by the Japan Coast Guard in Third World Countries

In order to strengthen the Rules of Law

by Ryoki Toku

Background

Sea routes in the Southeast Asian area can be thought of as the life lines of Japan. The maritime security and safety of this area is extremely important in securing safe navigation for Japanese ships. Because of this, it is necessary that there is cooperation between the maritime law enforcement of Japan and other coastal countries. The Japan Coast Guard (JCG) has supported capacity building of maritime law enforcement in southeast Asian countries for many years.

Japan's National Security Strategy

In 2013, the Japanese government determined their "National Security Strategy". It was adopted after recognizing that, in a world where globalization continues, Japan should play an even more proactive role as

a major global player in the international community. (*National Security Strategy P1* <http://www.cas.go.jp/jp/siryou/131217anzenhoshou/nss-e.pdf>)

Also, with regard to the sea, Japan will promote regional efforts and play a leading role in creating a shared recognition that reinforcement of the maritime order governed by law and rules and not by coercion is indispensable for peace and prosperity of the international community as a whole. (*National Security Strategy P29* <http://www.cas.go.jp/jp/siryou/131217anzenhoshou/nss-e.pdf>)

Today, JCG engages and offers its cooperation to many countries, following this strategy.

Capacity Building Support for Asian Maritime Law Enforcement

The following courses or trainings have been offered by the JCG to multiple nations. Please note: this list includes collaborated courses from The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), The Nippon Foundation, and the JCG Foundation, etc.

- Asia Coast Guard Junior Officer Course of Japan
- Course for Senior officers of ASEAN area's maritime law enforcement.
- Course for Maritime Criminal Investigation, around Asia and Somalia area.
- Course for maritime law enforcement staff relating to Rescue and Maritime Environment Protection and Disaster Prevention.
- Hydro-graphic Survey Course
- Maritime Safety Management Course

JCG offers other courses and training for maritime law enforcement from specific countries, such as the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Djibouti, Sri Lanka etc. These courses relate to these countries specific needs and invite them to Japan for the training.

Aside from inviting trainees to Japan, JCG also sends its officers to countries to hold courses or training, using the Japan International Cooperate Association (JICA) plan.

After 2000, as part of piracy patrols, JCG has been dispatching assets to 10 countries including the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, and India.

As of March 2016, the total number of dispatched JCG assets was 51 patrol vessels and 30 aircraft.

JCG had been holding joint anti-piracy trainings and courses in the above mentioned countries. (*Japan Coast Guard annual report 2016 P24*)

The Marine Safety and Security Policy Program

In October of 2015, JCG established the "Marine Safety and Security Policy Program".

Through promoting mutual understanding and exchange among various Asian country's maritime law enforcement, the program aims to increase cooperation between countries and secure maritime safety. It also aims to have a shared recognition between countries about the importance of "maritime order by Rule of law".

This program is a one year masters course, collaborated on by the JCG Academy, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), and The Nippon Foundation. In total, 10 junior maritime law enforcement officers from the JCG and other Asian maritime law enforcement agencies. In 2015, participants were from the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Vietnam have joined this program.

Using International Law, International Relations, Policies for Maritime Police and Policy for Search & Rescue, Salvage and Maritime Disaster Prevention curriculum, all participants are awarded a Master of Policy Studies.

JCG intends to continue this program, expanding both the curriculum and also the participating countries. (*Japan Coast Guard annual report 2016 P27,28*)



【Opening ceremony of The Marine Safety and Security Policy Program】
http://www.kaiho.mlit.go.jp/info/topics/seisakukateikaikousiki_20151001.pdf

Expectations for the Future

JCG is actively promoting establishing an international network in the field of maritime law enforcement, who share recognition of "maritime order by Rule of Law", as mentioned in Japan's "National Security Strategy". (*Japan Coast Guard annual report 2016 P28*)

Through these engagements, JCG plans to establish this "shared recognition" among coastal maritime law enforcement, specifically in the Southeast Asia area.

The promotion of regional cooperation, should lead to an avoidance of risks in any unpreventable accidents in the future.

My Hometown: Yamazaki The Crossroad of Japanese History, Nature and Art

by Tatsuya Izumi

Have you ever been to Japan? Many of the people who answer "yes" to that question have probably been to Kyoto, which is the former capital of Japan and one of the most popular cities in terms of tourism. Some might have been to Osaka, which is famous for being the food capital of Japan, with "Okonomi-yaki", "Tako-yaki" and "Kushi-katsu" (Skewer- Fried food) as well-known foods.

My home town, Yamazaki, is sandwiched between these famous cities, and the small and little-known town (even among Japanese people) is always in the shade of those two larger cities. But Yamazaki used to have the largest population and was the wealthiest city in Japan during the 16th century. There was a big shrine called "Rikyu-Hachimangu" which is the birthplace of "Egoma oil." Egoma oil was used as fuel in that time period and was very important for rituals at the Imperial Court and in shrines. Rikyu-Hachimangu was the only organization that had been given authority by the Imperial Court and Muromachi Shogunate to grant licenses to sell the oil. Therefore, many people came to Yamazaki to get a license or to seek jobs related to the oil. But Rikyu-Hachimangu lost power along with the fading of the Muromachi Shogunate. Despite Japan Railway building a railroad in center of the shrine and the shrine shrinking to half its previous size, many oil production companies are still dedicated to it, considering it the god of oil.



Yamazaki also has Mt. Ten-no-zan, which is famous as an ancient battle field between Hideyoshi Toyotomi and Mitsuhide Akechi. This battle determined Hideyoshi Toyotomi as the successor of Nobunaga Oda, who had held power over almost all of the country, before killed by Akechi. After this event, "Ten-no-zan" became the word to describe a strategic point or crucial time. If you climb up the mountain, you can see several places which have historical episodes. From the hillside of the mountain you can also see the scenery where three big rivers join into one river.



You can also enjoy the mountain changing color to pink during the cherry blossom season in spring. I highly recommend Oyamazaki villa for cherry blossom viewing. It's a very beautiful English Tudor cottage style villa, which was originally built in 1917. The villa was redesigned as a museum, keeping the original features and adding new underground buildings designed by the architect Tadao Ando. It permanently exhibits Claude Monet's "Water Lilies", so you can enjoy cherry blossom viewing with beautiful villa architect and Monet's masterpieces all at the same time. Of course, you can also enjoy autumn leaves colored in blazing red and sunny yellow in the fall.



After enjoying beautiful nature and art, you can enjoy whisky. Suntory Yamazaki distillery is famous for a distinguished single malt whisky and is located at the foot of Mt. Ten-no-zan. You can take an hour long distillery tour and taste the clear and smooth whiskey there.



Why don't you make a brief detour from the major sightseeing course in Japan to visit Yamazaki and experience Japanese history and nature?

Japanese Transportation News Roundup

The JR Kyushu shares have surged in their Tokyo debut, [after a four billion dollar IPO](#).

East Japan Railways plan to build a [new station between Shinagawa and Tamachi](#) and expect around 130K daily passengers.

Keikyu Corporation, a railway operator, plans to test [instant-interpretation megaphones](#) in the Haneda Airport International Station in Tokyo.

Tokyo Metro will organize ["The Underground Mysteries 2016", a puzzle-solving and city exploration game](#), as the past two have attracted attention

and acclaim. This time, the game will also be offered in English.

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Thank you for reading the JITI Journal. Until the next issue, whatever your mode, travel safely!

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