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## **Japan Handover First Batch of Equipment Under Grant Aid for Official Security Assistance (OSA) to Republic of Fiji Navy**

The Government of Japan will handover the first batch of equipment provided through Japan's new cooperation framework, OSA (Official Security Assistance) with a grant valued 400 million Japanese Yen (App. FJ\$6.0m). Fiji will be the first country in the world to be receiving new equipment through OSA. This is the first of three batches that will be delivered to the Republic of Fiji Navy.

**Mr. Shunichi INOUE**, Director of Security Cooperation Division, Foreign Policy Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan will celebrate to handover these pieces of equipment to the Permanent Secretary of Defence and Veteran Affairs **Mr. Mason Smith**, and the Commander of Republic of Fiji Navy Captain Timoci Natuva at Handingover Ceremony hosted by the Republic of Fiji Navy at 1000hrs **on Monday, 26 May 2025**, at the **Stanley Brown Base in Walu Bay**. This is the first OSA handingover ceremony in the world since the establishment of the OSA in 2023.

We welcome your attendance at the ceremony, and for further queries please contact Mr. Peni Saurara on email address: [peni.saurara@fj.mofa.go.jp](mailto:peni.saurara@fj.mofa.go.jp) or [eojeconomics@fj.mofa.go.jp](mailto:eojeconomics@fj.mofa.go.jp) and telephone number: (+679)3304633.

### **Details of the "OSA (Official Security Assistance)"**

1. **Equipment to be provided:** Patrol Boats and Other Maritime Equipment
2. **Ministry in charge:** Ministry of Defence and Veteran Affairs
3. **Beneficiary Agency:** Republic of Fiji Navy

OSA was established in 2023 as a new cooperation framework for the benefit of armed forces and other related organizations of recipient countries with the aim of deepening our security cooperation with the countries, creating a desirable security environment, and contributing to maintaining and strengthening international peace and security, by enhancing their security, law enforcement and humanitarian response capabilities including disaster response through the provision of equipment and supplies as well as assistance for the development of infrastructures.

#### **Batch 1 - 26 May 2025**

- 1.) Underwater camera(1Unit)
- 2.) Inflatable Rescue Boat (1Unit)
- 3.) Water rescue training doll (1 unit)

#### **Batch 2 and 3**












- 4.) Rescue boat (1 unit):
- 5.) 17m Patrol boat (3 units):

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## 4. Reference










### Official Security Assistance (OSA) for Fiscal Year 2023

- ◆ Total budget for FY2023 (1st year of OSA) : **2 billion JPY** (Approx. 15 million USD)
- ◆ Exchange of Notes in November / December 2023 with four partner countries: **Philippines, Malaysia, Bangladesh and Fiji**
- ◆ The initial set of equipment is scheduled to arrive by summer 2025

	Equipment to be provided (the photos are for illustrative purposes only)	End-User	Grant Amount	Targeted Capability
Philippines 	Coastal radar system 	Navy	600 million yen	➤ Coastal surveillance and MDA capabilities
Malaysia 	Rescue boats and other equipment 	Armed Forces	400 million yen	➤ Maritime security
Bangladesh 	Patrol boats 	Navy	575 million yen	➤ Monitoring and surveillance, disaster relief, and maritime security
Fiji 	Patrol boats Rescue boats Underwater camera etc.    	Navy	400 million yen	➤ Monitoring and surveillance, disaster relief, and maritime security

### Official Security Assistance (OSA) for Fiscal Year 2024

- ◆ Total budget for FY2024 (2nd year of OSA) : **5 billion JPY** (Approx. 32 million USD)
- ◆ Exchange of Notes between December 2024 and February 2025 with **the Philippines, Indonesia, Mongolia and Djibouti**

	Equipment to be provided (the photos are for illustrative purposes only)	End-User	Grant Amount	Targeted Capability
Philippines 	<Navy>RHIBs (Rigid-hulled inflatable boat) Coastal Radar System etc. <Air Force>Equipment related to the Air Surveillance Radar System etc.  	Navy Air Force	1.6 billion Yen	➤ Maritime Security ➤ Monitoring and Surveillance
Indonesia 	High-speed Patrol Boats 	Navy	1 billion Yen	➤ Monitoring and Surveillance
Mongolia 	Air traffic control system 	Air Force	1.3 billion Yen	➤ Situational Awareness and Air Traffic Control
Djibouti 	Coastal Radar System and related infrastructure 	Navy	1.1 billion Yen	➤ Monitoring and Surveillance ➤ Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA)

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