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Trinidad and Tobago Port call by three Japan Maritime Self Defence Force Training Vessels

Three Japan Maritime Self Defence Force Training Vessels, JS Kashima, JS Setoyuki and JS Asagiri, will call on the Port of Port of Spain from Monday July 14th to 17th 2014 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Japan and Trinidad and Tobago. The Embassy of Japan, along with members of the Vessels, will hold various events throughout their stay in TT.

[Details of the Vessels]

JS Kashima

Gross Tonnage 4,050 tons Overall Length 143 meters Breadth 18 meters Depth 12.3 meters Date Built Jan. 26, 1995

JS Setoyuki

Gross Tonnage 3,050 tons Overall Length 130 meters Breadth 13.6 meters Depth 8.5 meters Date Built Dec. 11, 1986



Photo: JMSDF

JS Asagiri

Gross Tonnage 3,500 tons Overall Length 137 meters Breadth 14.6 meters Depth 8.8 meters Date Built Mar. 17, 1988

<u>Members on board</u> Total approx. 718 persons on three Vessels.

Period of the stay Monday, July 14th through Thursday, July 17th, 2014

Media opportunities: See attached for more details [Monday July 14]

Welcome ceremony by TT Coastguard *

[Tuesday July 15]

Wreath laying ceremony with TT Coastguard

Open ship for local primary schools *

[Wednesday July 16]

Sport exchange with TT Coastguard: Football *

Sport exchange with TT Coastguard: Baseball

Taiko (Japanese drums) Mini Concert

Sport exchange: Kendo

* The media who wish to take coverage of these three events are required to make advance registration with the Embassy of Japan by <u>Friday July 11</u> to access the respective venues.

For further information, please call the Embassy of Japan in Port of Spain at (868) 628-5991 or email culture@po.mofa.go.jp