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History of Japan's International Peace Cooperation



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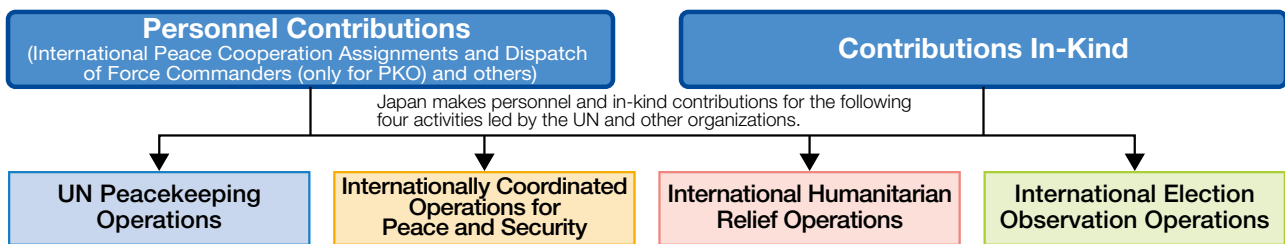
Overview

In June 1992, Japan enacted the Act on Cooperation with UN Peacekeeping Operations and Other Operations (The International Peace Cooperation Law) to play a more active role in realizing international peace.

Since then, Japan has been making personnel and in-kind contributions to assist efforts led by the UN and other organizations.

The law sets out four pillars of Japan's participation and contribution in international peace cooperation: UN Peacekeeping Operations, Internationally Coordinated Operations for Peace and Security, International Humanitarian Relief Operations and International Election Observation Operations. Upon implementations the law stipulates that those operations shall be carried out in accordance with the five principles for participation.

Outline of the International Peace Cooperation Law (International Peace Cooperation Assignments)



Five Principles for Participation

*Satisfying the five principles is a precondition for the implementation of Internationally Coordinated Operations for Peace and Security as well as other cooperation.

- (1) Agreements on a ceasefire have been reached among the Parties to Armed Conflict.
- (2) Consent for the conduct of UN peacekeeping operations as well as Japan's participation in such operations has been obtained from the countries to which the area where those operations are to be conducted belongs as well as the Parties to Armed Conflict.
- (3) The operations shall be conducted without partiality to any of the Parties to Armed Conflict.
- (4) Should any of the requirements in the above-mentioned principles cease to be satisfied, the International Peace Cooperation Corps dispatched by the Government of Japan may terminate International Peace Cooperation Assignments.
- (5) The use of weapons shall be limited to the minimum necessity for the protection of the lives of personnel dispatched, in principle. When the consent for acceptance is deemed to be consistently maintained, the use of weapons in defense of the mission mandate is allowed in accordance with specific requirements.

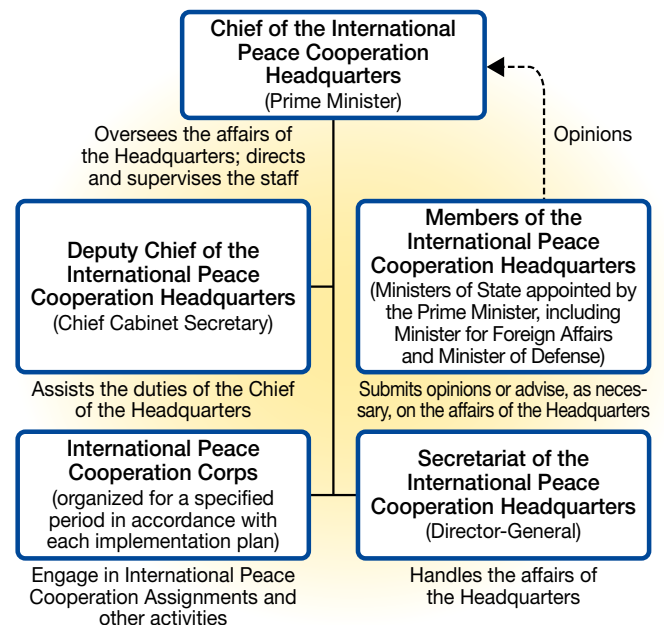
International Peace Cooperation Headquarters and International Peace Cooperation Corps

International Peace Cooperation Headquarters

The International Peace Cooperation Headquarters is established within the Cabinet Office to administer Japan's International Peace Cooperation Assignments and contributions in kind. Headed by the Prime Minister as the Chief, the Headquarters is composed of the Deputy Chief, members, and the Secretariat. Additionally, the International Peace Cooperation Corps conducts International Peace Cooperation Assignments and other activities for a specified period in accordance with each implementation plan.

International Peace Cooperation Corps

International Peace Cooperation Corps undertake International Peace Cooperation Assignments. They are selected from a pool of applicants or seconded by relevant administrative organs. In prior to undertaking the assignments, officers undergo trainings conducted by the Secretariat.



UN Peacekeeping Operations

UN peacekeeping operations are activities undertaken by the UN to resolve conflicts. Mandates of peacekeeping operations have traditionally focused on monitoring ceasefires, separating hostile forces and maintaining buffer zones by peacekeeping forces composed of national contingent troops as well as on ceasefire monitoring by principally unarmed military personnel. However, in the recent years, their mandates have diversified to cover civilian police activities, election observation, reconstruction, development and administrative assistance including organization and institution building.

Engineering Unit of the Japanese Self-Defense Forces repairing a road
(South Sudan, 2016) ▶



Internationally Coordinated Operations for Peace and Security

In recent years, some international peace cooperation activities are carried out under frameworks other than UN peacekeeping operations. Made possible by the 2015 legislative amendments, Internationally Coordinated Operations for Peace and Security cover those activities similar to UN peacekeeping operations under such frameworks: they include activities conducted based on UN resolutions, request by international organizations, or UN-supported request by hosting country.

Japanese personnel coordinating with his colleague
(Sinai Peninsula, 2019) ▶



International Humanitarian Relief Operations

International Humanitarian Relief Operations include activities other than those of UN Peacekeeping Operations and Internationally Coordinated Operations for Peace and Security, to assist conflict-affected population, such as refugees, and post-conflict reconstruction. These operations are carried out by various international organizations, including the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

Refugees sitting in front of a tent provided by the Government of Japan
(Iraq, 2014) ▶



International Election Observation Operations

International Election Observation Operations aim to ensure fair execution of elections and voting to establish systems of governance by democratic means in post-conflict contexts. These Operations are implemented outside the frameworks of UN Peacekeeping Operations and Internationally Coordinated Operations for Peace and Security. The UN or regional organizations, such as the Organization of American States (OAS) and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), carry out these activities.

Japanese personnel observing a referendum
(Sudan, 2011) ▶



International Peace Cooperation Assignments

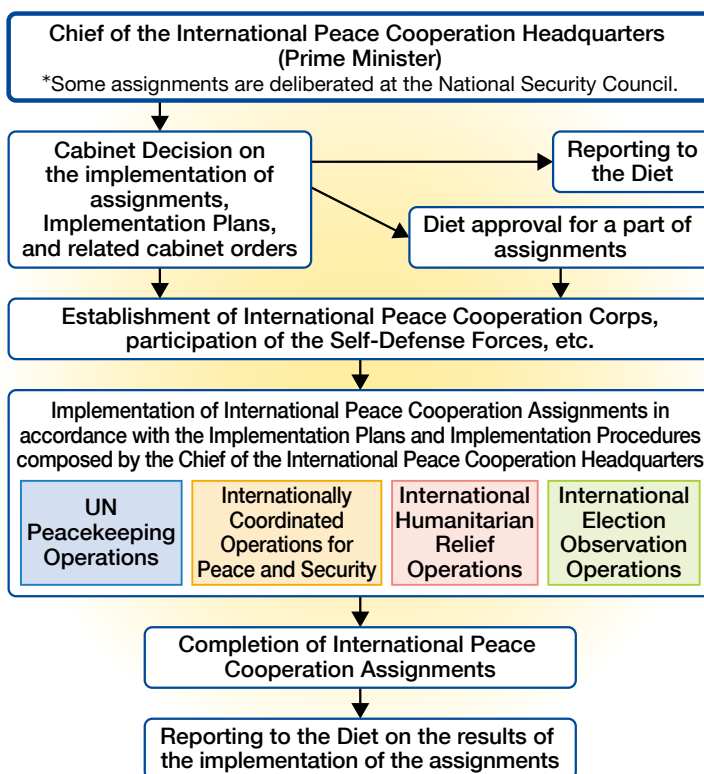
Japan dispatches International Peace Cooperation Corps to UN Peacekeeping Operations, Internationally Coordinated Operations for Peace and Security, International Humanitarian Relief Operations, and International Election Observation Operations to undertake the following activities:

- Monitoring the observance of cease-fire and disarmament of armed forces;
- Repair or maintenance of facilities and equipment that are of daily use to the conflict-affected population;
- Distribution of food, clothing, medical supplies and other daily necessities to conflict-affected population;
- Provision of advisory, guidance and supervision on correctional administrative work;
- Observation or management of fair execution of elections or voting.

Japan has so far dispatched International Peace Cooperation Corps 28 times to Asia, Middle East, Europe, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean.

As of April 2019, Japanese International Peace Cooperation Corps is engaged in UN Missions in South Sudan (UNMISS) and the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) in the Sinai Peninsula.

● Flow Chart of International Peace Cooperation Assignments



Contributions in Kind

Japan provides necessary goods and supplies to the UN and other international organizations, which are engaged in UN Peacekeeping Operations, Internationally Coordinated Operations for Peace and Security, International humanitarian relief operations and International election observation operations. These contributions have supported UN Peacekeeping Operations and refugee relief operations.

Humanitarian Relief Supply Stockpile Scheme

In order to respond quickly to the needs of in-kind contributions to the International Humanitarian Relief Operations, Japan established a stockpile scheme for humanitarian relief supplies in 1997. Tents, blankets, water containers, plastic sheets and sleeping mats are stored in a warehouse in the United Arab Emirates to respond to emergency requests.

〈Tent〉

The tent is made of thick breathable canvas materials to shut out direct sunlight and moderate room temperature. The tent has a simple design and it is easy to repair. (4m x 4m; capacity: for one family use)



〈Blanket〉

The warm, durable and easy-to-dry fleece blanket is made of recycled plastic bottles.



〈Water container〉

The container is lightweight, foldable and portable, made of durable polyethylene. (Capacity: 10 litres, equal to the daily amount needed for one person.)



〈Sleeping mat〉

The three-layered foamed core material allows for comfortable sleep even on hard surfaces.



〈Plastic sheet〉

The sheet is highly versatile and can be laid on the ground or used for roofing. (4m x 5m)



Record of Japan's Contributions in Kind based on the International Peace Cooperation Law

28 times in total (11 times for UN Peacekeeping Operations and 17 times for International Humanitarian Relief Operations).

(As of April 30, 2019)

Activities	Recipient	Cabinet decision	Item and quantity	Purpose
PKO	1 United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC)	1 st : Sept. 11, 1992	Televisions (200 sets) Video players (200 sets) Portable generators (200 sets)	Used to enhance publicity and education for the people of Cambodia on such matters as free and fair elections.
		2 nd : Jan. 22, 1993	Medical and pharmaceutical supplies (50 sets) ¹	Used to maintain health of disarmed soldiers and their families.
PKO	3 United Nations Operation in Mozambique (ONUMOZ)	July 26, 1994	Televisions (200 sets) Video players (200 sets) Small radios (40,000 sets)	Used to enhance publicity and education for the people of Mozambique on such matters as free and fair elections.
Humanitarian	4 The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)	Aug. 12, 1994 ²	Medical and pharmaceutical supplies (1 set) Emergency health set (5 units) Large tents (43 sets) Sleeping mats (2,600 sheets) Blankets (3,550 sheets) Simple water tanks (213 sets) Shovels (1,000 sets)	Used for the Humanitarian Relief Operations of UNHCR conducted for Rwandan refugees in Zaire (currently the Democratic Republic of Congo).
PKO	5 United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF)	Dec. 15, 1995 ³	Complete set of materials and equipment for prefabricated buildings	Used to improve living and working conditions of UNDOF staff (14 personnel).
Humanitarian	6 UNHCR	1 st : Apr. 6, 1999 ⁴	Tents (1,000 sets)	Used for UNHCR's Humanitarian Relief Operations for Kosovo refugees in such countries as Albania.
		2 nd : Apr. 27, 1999 ⁴	Blankets (10,000 sheets) Sleeping mats (5,000 sheets)	
PKO	8 United Nations Mission in East Timor (UNAMET)	June 22, 1999	Radios (2,000sets)	Used for publicity operations of UNAMET in East Timor on direct balloting to ascertain whether the people of East Timor accept a proposal for expanded autonomy.
Humanitarian	9 UNHCR	Oct. 22, 1999 ⁴	Tents (500 sets) Blankets (9,000 sheets) Sleeping mats (11,140 sheets) Water containers (20,000 sets) Plastic sheets (5,120 sheets)	Used for Humanitarian Relief Operations for East Timorese refugees conducted by UNHCR in Indonesia and East Timor.
Humanitarian	10 International Organization for Migration (IOM)	Mar. 23, 2001 ⁴	Tents (160 sets) Blankets (1,200 sheets) Plastic sheets (1,600 sheets)	Used for Humanitarian Relief Operations for Afghan afflicted people conducted by IOM in Afghanistan.
Humanitarian	11 UNHCR	1 st : Oct. 5, 2001 ⁴	Tents (315 sets) Blankets (200 sheets) Sleeping mats (20 sheets) Water containers (400 sets) Plastic sheets (75 sheets)	Used for Humanitarian Relief Operations for Afghan refugees conducted by UNHCR in Pakistan.
		2 nd : Oct. 19, 2001 ⁴	Tents (500 sets)	
Humanitarian	13 UNHCR	Mar. 28, 2003 ⁴	Tents (160 sets)	Used for Humanitarian Relief Operations for Iraqi refugees conducted by UNHCR in Jordan and Syria.
Humanitarian	14 UNHCR	Oct. 5, 2004 ⁴	Tents (700 sets)	Used for Humanitarian Relief Operations for Sudanese refugees conducted by UNHCR in Chad.
PKO	15 United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS)	July 29, 2005	Landmine detectors (60 sets) All wheel drive vehicles (27 units) Large tents (20 sets)	Used for Operations conducted in Sudan by the United Nations Mission in the Sudan (UNMIS).
Humanitarian	16 UNHCR	Oct. 31, 2006 ⁴	Sleeping mats (10,000 sheets) Water containers (10,000 sets) Plastic sheets (4,000 sheets)	Used for Humanitarian Relief Operations for Sri Lankan afflicted people conducted by UNHCR in Sri Lanka.
Humanitarian	17 UNHCR	Nov. 6, 2007 ⁴	Blankets (10,000 sheets) Sleeping mats (10,000 sheets) Water containers (10,000 sets) Plastic sheets (4,000 sheets)	Used for Humanitarian Relief Operations for Sudanese afflicted people conducted by UNHCR in Darfur, Sudan.
Humanitarian	18 UNHCR	Dec. 28, 2007 ⁴	Tents (1,000 sets)	Used for Humanitarian Relief Operations for Iraqi afflicted people conducted by UNHCR in Iraq.
Humanitarian	19 UNHCR	Oct. 28, 2008 ⁴	R/O Water purifiers (60 sets, including spare filters)	Used for Humanitarian Relief Operations for Sudanese afflicted people conducted by UNHCR in southern part of Sudan.
Humanitarian	20 United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine in the Near East (UNRWA)	Jan. 23, 2009 ⁴	Blankets (29,000 sheets) Sleeping mats (20,000 sheets) Plastic sheets (8,000 sheets)	Used for Humanitarian Relief Operations for Palestinian afflicted people conducted by UNRWA in Gaza.
Humanitarian	21 IOM	May.15,2009 ⁴	Tents (560 sets) Water containers (30,000 sets) Plastic sheets (4,000 sets) Sleeping mats (10,000 sets) Mosquito nets (1,000 sets)	Used for Humanitarian Relief Operations for Sri Lankan afflicted people conducted by IOM in Sri Lanka.
PKO	22 United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH)	Dec.18,2012 ⁴	Prefabricated buildings (255 buildings) Containers and others (75 sets) Generators (2 sets) Lighting equipment (1 set) Oil storage tank (2 sets) Other equipments	In completing the International Peace Cooperation Assignments in Haiti, equipment originally used by JSDF, were granted and used for the Operations of MINUSTAH.
Humanitarian	23 UNHCR	Jan.22,2013 ⁵	Tents (1,000 sets) Blankets (25,000 sheets) Water containers (27,500 sets) Plastic sheets (10,000 sets) Sleeping mats (35,000sets)	Used for Humanitarian Relief Operations for Sudanese refugees conducted by UNHCR in South Sudan.
PKO	24 UNDOF	Jan.22,2013 ⁵	Trucks (3 units) Tractor (1 unit) Trailing truck (1 unit) Dozer (1 unit) Excavator (1 unit)	In completing the International Peace Cooperation Assignments in Golan Heights, equipment originally used by JSDF, were granted and used for the Operations of UNDOF.
Humanitarian	25 IOM	Dec.10,2013 ⁴	Tents (800 sets) Water containers (10,000 sets) Blankets (10,000 sets) Sleeping mats (10,000 sets)	Used for Humanitarian Relief Operations for Syrian refugees conducted by IOM in Turkey and Syria.
PKO	26 United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS)	1 st : Dec.23, 2013 ⁵	Ammunition (5.56mm, 10,000 rounds)	Granted to contribute to Operations of UNMISS in South Sudan (Returned from UNMISS in January, 2014).
		2 nd : Mar. 11, 2014 ⁴	Tents (200 sets) Plastic sheets (4,000 sets)	Used for Operations of UNMISS in South Sudan.
		3 rd : May. 16, 2017 ⁵	Heavy equipment(19 units) Potable compressor(1 units) Vehicle(4 units) Container for residence(404 sets) Generator(134 sets) External tank(8 sets) Tent(67 sets) Air conditioning equipment(99 units) Water tank(18 sets) Water treatment plant(3 units) Living drainage store and treatment system(1 units) Other equipments	Used for Operations of UNMISS in South Sudan.

Notes: 1. One set of medical supplies equal to the needs of 10,000 persons for three months.

2. Contributions in kind carried out upon receiving stockpiled supplies from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

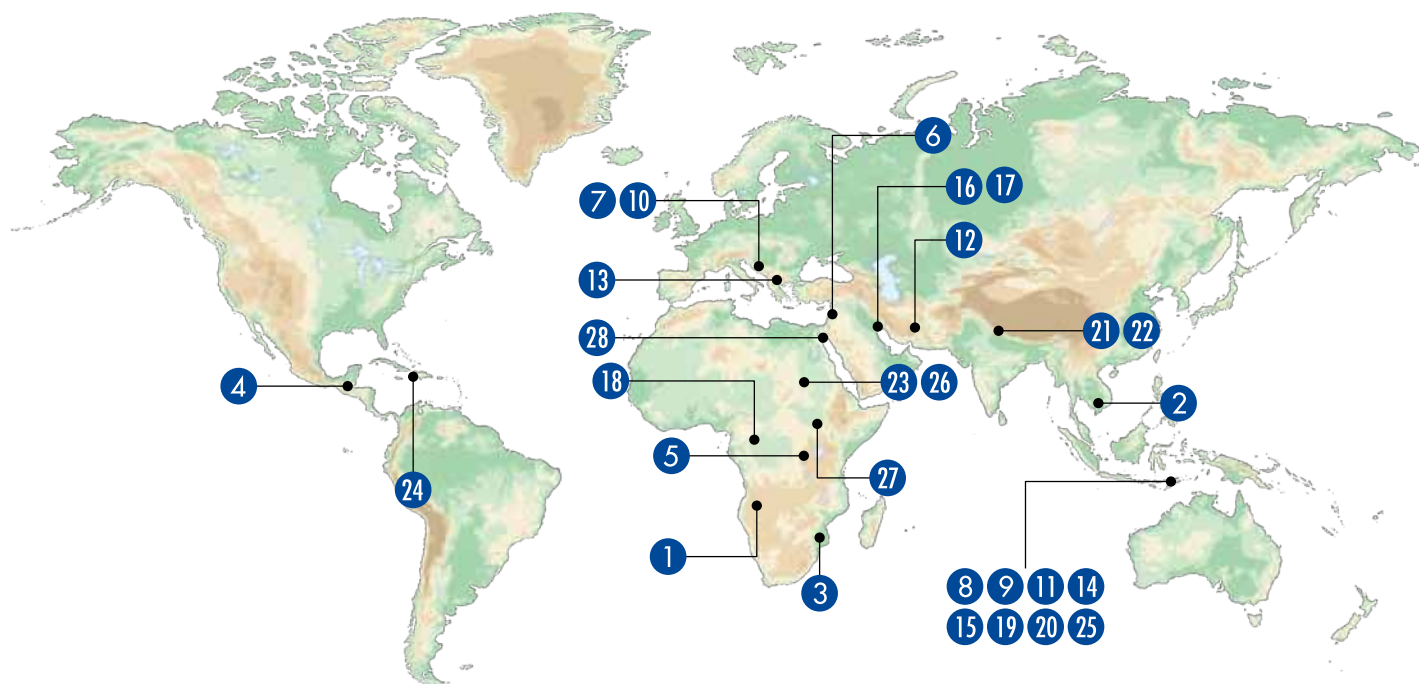
3. Procured through transfer of management from the Japan Defense Agency (now the Ministry of Defense) to the Secretariat of the International Peace Cooperation Headquarters.

4. Stockpiled supplies used.

5. Procured through transfer of management from Ministry of Defense to the Secretariat of the International Peace Cooperation Headquarters.

6. "PKO" in the activity column stands for UN Peacekeeping Operations and "Humanitarian" stands for International Humanitarian Relief Operations.

Japan's International Peace Cooperation Assignments based on the International Peace Cooperation Law



(As of April 30, 2019)

Activity	Name	Country	Period of operation	Personnel (no.)	Main duties
PKO	1 International Peace Cooperation Assignment in Angola	Angola	Sept.–Oct. 1992	Election observers (3)	Monitoring of presidential and legislative elections
PKO	2 International Peace Cooperation Assignment in Cambodia	Cambodia	Sept. 1992–Sept. 1993	Cease-fire observers (8 x 2)	Cease-fire monitoring, supervision of storage of bullets and collected weapons
				Engineering units (600 x 2)	Reconstruction of roads and bridges, supply of fuel and water to UNTAC components
			Oct. 1992–July 1993	Civilian police officers (75)	Advice to and supervision of local police service
			May–June 1993	Election personnel (41)	Monitoring and supervision of constituent assembly elections
PKO	3 International Peace Cooperation Assignment in Mozambique	Mozambique	May 1993–Jan. 1995	Staff officers (5 x 2)	Preparation of ONUMOZ's implementation plans, planning and coordination of transport operations
				Movement control units (48 x 3)	Allotment of vehicles, support for customs clearance, and technical coordination of transport operations
			Oct.–Nov. 1994	Election observers (15)	Monitoring of presidential and legislative elections
PKO	4 International Peace Cooperation Assignment in El Salvador	El Salvador	Mar.–Apr. 1994	Election observers (15 x 2)	Monitoring of presidential, legislative assembly, and other elections
Humanitarian	5 International Peace Cooperation Assignment for Rwandan Refugees	Zaire (Currently Democratic Republic of the Congo) and Kenya	Sept.–Dec. 1994	Refugees relief units (283 incl. advance unit [23])	Medical care and water supply for Rwandan refugees
				Air transport unit (118)	Transport of supplies and personnel for humanitarian relief operation units
				Liaison and coordination personnel (max.10 members changed as needed)	Liaison and coordination with relevant organizations
PKO	6 International Peace Cooperation Assignment in the Golan Heights	Israel, Syria and Lebanon	Feb. 1996–Jan. 2013	Staff officers (2 x 13) (3x4;from Feb. 2009) Transport units (43 x 33) (44x1;from Aug. 2012)	UNDOF's public relations, planning and coordination of logistic operations including transport Transport of food, storage of supplies, road repair, and maintenance of construction equipment
			Jan. 1996–Feb. 2013	Liaison and coordination personnel (max.6 members changed as needed)	Liaison and coordination with relevant organizations
Election	7 International Peace Cooperation Assignment in Bosnia and Herzegovina	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Sept. 1998	Election observers (5) Polling station supervisors (25)	Observation and supervision of presidential, legislative, and other elections Observation and supervision of presidential, legislative, and other elections
			Aug.–Sept. 1998	Liaison and coordination personnel (4)	Liaison and coordination with relevant organizations
PKO	8 International Peace Cooperation Assignment in East Timor	Indonesia	July–Sept. 1999	Civilian police officers (3) Liaison and coordination personnel (max. 3 members changed as needed)	Advice to Indonesian police Liaison and coordination with relevant organizations
Humanitarian	9 International Peace Cooperation Assignment for East Timorese Displaced Persons	Indonesia	Nov. 1999–Feb. 2000	Displaced persons relief unit (113) Liaison and coordination personnel (max. 6 members changed as needed)	Transportation of relief supplies for East Timorese displaced persons Liaison and coordination with relevant organizations

Activity	Name	Country	Period of operation	Personnel (no.)	Main duties
Election	10 International Peace Cooperation Assignment in Bosnia and Herzegovina	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Mar.–Apr. 2000	Election personnel (11) Liaison and coordination personnel (6)	Observation and supervision of municipal assembly elections Liaison and coordination with relevant organizations
Election	11 International Peace Cooperation Assignment in East Timor	East Timor	Aug.–Sept. 2001	Election observers(19)	Observation of Constituent Assembly elections
Humanitarian	12 International Peace Cooperation Assignment for Afghan Refugees	Pakistan	Oct. 2001	Refugees relief unit (138) Liaison and coordination personnel (2)	Air transport of relief supplies for Afghan refugees Liaison and coordination with relevant organizations
Election	13 International Peace Cooperation Assignment in Kosovo	Former Yugoslavia	Nov. 2001	Election observers (6) Liaison and coordination personnel (5)	Observation of Kosovo assembly elections Liaison and coordination with relevant organizations
PKO	14 International Peace Cooperation Assignment in East Timor	East Timor	Feb. 2002–June 2004	Staff officers (10; 7; May 2003–June 2004)	Planning and coordination of engineering operations at UNMISSET (UNTAET before May 19, 2002) headquarters
			Mar. 2002–June 2004	Engineer units (680 x 2 522; Mar.-Sept. 2003 405; Oct. 2003–June 2004)	Repair and maintenance of roads and bridges
			Feb. 2002–June 2004	Liaison and coordination personnel (max. 5; members changed as needed)	Liaison and coordination with relevant organizations
Election	15 International Peace Cooperation Assignment for East Timorese Election Observation	East Timor	Apr. 2002	Election observers (8)	Observation of presidential elections
Humanitarian	16 International Peace Cooperation Assignment for Iraqi Refugees	Jordan	Mar.–Apr. 2003	Refugees relief unit (56; includes six navigation support personnel) Liaison and coordination personnel (1)	Air transportation of relief supplies for Iraqi refugees Liaison and coordination with relevant organizations
Humanitarian	17 International Peace Cooperation Assignment for Iraqi Afflicted Persons	Jordan and Italy	July–Aug. 2003	Afflicted persons relief unit (104; includes six navigation support personnel) Liaison and coordination personnel (max. 3; members changed as needed)	Air transportation of relief supplies for Iraqi afflicted persons Liaison and coordination with relevant organizations
Election	18 International Peace Cooperation Assignment in the Democratic Republic of Congo	Democratic Republic of Congo	July–Nov. 2006	Election observers (8; July–Aug.) (5; Oct.–Nov.)	Observation of presidential and legislative elections
PKO	19 International Peace Cooperation Assignment in Timor-Leste	Timor-Leste	Jan. 2007–Feb. 2008	Civilian police officers (2 x 2) Liaison and coordination personnel (max. 3; members changed as needed)	Advice to the civilian police component of the headquarters of UNMIT Liaison and coordination with relevant organizations
Election	20 International Peace Cooperation Assignment for Timor-Leste Election Observation	Timor-Leste	Mar.–July 2007	Election observers (14; Mar.–Apr.) (8; May) (14; June–July)	Observation of the fair implementation of the presidential and parliamentary elections
PKO	21 International Peace Cooperation Assignment in Nepal	Nepal	Mar. 2007–Jan. 2011	Military observers (6 x 4) Liaison and coordination personnel (max. 6; members changed as needed)	Monitoring of the implementation of relocation and disarmament of armed forces Liaison and coordination with relevant organizations
Election	22 International Peace Cooperation Assignment for Nepal Election Observation	Nepal	Mar.–Apr. 2008	Election observers (24)	Observation of fair implementation of the constituent assembly election
PKO	23 International Peace Cooperation Assignment in Sudan	Sudan	Oct. 2008–Sept. 2011	Staff officers (2 x 6)	Coordination of logistical needs of military section and management of data base
PKO	24 International Peace Cooperation Assignment in Haiti	Haiti	Feb. 2010–Jan. 2013	Staff Officers (2x6)	Planning and coordination of engineering operations at MINUSTAH headquarters
			Feb. 2010–Feb. 2013	Engineering Units (203x1; 346x1 Mar. 2010–; 330x2 Aug. 2010–; 317x2 Aug. 2011–; 297x1 Aug. 2012–; 44x1 Oct. 2012–)	Removal of debris, land leveling, road repairing, construction of simple facilities, seismic diagnosis and others (seismic diagnosis has completed in April 2010)
			Feb. 2010–Jan. 2013	Liaison and coordination personnel (max.5; members changed as needed)	Liaison and coordination with relevant organizations
PKO	25 International Peace Cooperation Assignment in Timor-Leste	Timor-Leste	Sept. 2010–Sept. 2012	Military Liaison Officers (2x4) Liaison and coordination personnel (1)	Monitoring of ceasefire Liaison and coordination with relevant organizations
Election	26 International Peace Cooperation Assignment for Sudan Referendum Observation	Sudan	Dec. 2010- Jan. 2011	Referendum observers (15)	Observation of the fair implementation of the referendum in regard to the independence of South Sudan
★ PKO	27 International Peace Cooperation Assignment in South Sudan	South Sudan	November 2011-	Staff Officers (3x5 4x5)	Coordination of logistical needs of military section, management of database, and planning and coordination of engineering activities and aviaional assistance for aircrafts
			Jan. 2012- May. 2017	Engineering unit (239x1 Jan. 2012-; 349x3 Jun. 2012-; 401x2 Dec. 2013-; 353x4 Dec. 2014-; 354x1 Dec. 2016-; 58x1 Apr. 2017-)	Maintenance of infrastructures, including roads
			November 2011-	Liaison and coordination personnel (max. 3; members changed as needed)	Liaison and coordination with relevant organizations
★ Internationally Coordinated Operations	28 International Peace Cooperation Assignment in Sinai Peninsula	Egypt and Israel	April 2019-	Staff Officers 2x1 Liaison and coordination personnel (1) (members changed as needed)	Liaison and coordination between the Egyptian and Israeli governments and the MFO. Liaison and coordination with relevant organizations

Notes: 1. "PKO" in the activity column stands for UN Peacekeeping Operations; "Humanitarian" stands for International Humanitarian Relief Operations; and "Election" stands for International Election Observation Operations (established under legislative amendment in 1998); and "Internationally Coordinated Operations" stands for Internationally Coordinated Operations for Peace and Security (established under legislative amendment in 2015).
2. In addition to the activities in the table above, Maritime Self-Defense Force and Air Self-Defense Force units took part in the International Peace Cooperation Assignments in Cambodia ② and East Timor ⑪, Air Self-Defense Force units took part in the International Peace Cooperation Assignments in Mozambique ③ and the Golan Heights ⑥, the International Peace Cooperation Assignment for East Timorese Displaced Persons ⑨, and the International Peace Cooperation Assignment in Haiti ⑫, engaged in support for such activities as transportation and supply.
3. The period of operation is from departure to return from/to Japan.
4. ★ denotes that the assignment is ongoing.

Numbers of personnel dispatched as of April 2019 (in total) : about 12,500 (not including coordination officers).

Scheme of International Peace Cooperation Program Advisors

The Cabinet Office introduced the International Peace Cooperation Program Advisor Scheme in 2005 to respond to the increasing demand for civilian officers in international peace efforts led by the UN and other organizations. The Advisory Group on International Peace Cooperation (chaired by Mr. Yasushi Akashi, former Under-Secretary-General of the UN) had facilitated this scheme.

This scheme has two objectives:

- (1) Fostering human resources in the field of international peace cooperation.
- (2) Strengthening the functions of the Secretariat of the International Peace Cooperation Headquarters.

In addition to research activities, International Peace Cooperation Program Advisors give lectures at schools and other institutions in Japan as well as PKO training centers abroad.



▲ The 8th International Peace Cooperation Symposium (2019)



▲ Lecture at Tamagawa Academy (2017)

International Peace Seminars

The Secretariat of the International Peace Cooperation Headquarters conduct seminars or “Demaekouza,” to promote public awareness on international peace cooperation activities. These seminars are conducted at universities, schools and other institutions. The themes of seminars

are decided based on consultations with host institutions. For further details, please visit the following webpage of the Secretariat (http://www.pko.go.jp/pko_j/demaekouza/demaekouza.html) or contact 03-3581-7343.

Annual Events

The Secretariat of International Peace Cooperation Headquarters participates in annual events such as Children's Kasumigaseki Visit Day and Global Festa Japan.



▲ Children's Kasumigaseki Visit Day



▲ Global Festa Japan

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