FISC Yokosuka logisticians receive initial JMSDF logistics training

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U.S. Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC) Yokosuka has maintained a very close relationship with JMSDF logistics personnel for a number of years, dating back to 1967.

Recently, seven Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) supply officers visited Commander, Fleet Activities, Yokosuka (CFAY) to learn about U.S. Navy logistics at FISC Yokosuka as well as Defense Distribution Depot Yokosuka Japan (DDYJ), a key distribution depot in Western Pacific.

In July, three FISC logisticians, two JMSDF interns and a FISC JMSDF liaison representative, in return, visited JMSDF logistics commands to receive three-day training in an effort to strengthen ties and expand their knowledge of JMSDF logistics operations.

This marked the first time FISC Yokosuka personnel have received JMSDF logistics training.

As the representatives of FISC Yokosuka, Chief Machinist Mate (SW) Doneka Booker, Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Fuel) 1st Class Ranilo Untivero and General Manager Masami Minami, from FISC Yokosuka Fuel Department, participated in the three-day training, from July 6 - 8, to fulfill their interest in learning about its JMSDF counterpart.

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海上自衛隊との関係強化および海上自衛隊後方支援の知識を深めるため、海上自衛隊後方支援部隊を3日間に渡り訪問し、各部隊で研修を受けるFISC横須賀職員。FISC横須賀職員が海上自衛隊の後方支援について研修を受けるのは初めてのことである。

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"I thought it would be a great opportunity to learn logistics from a different perspective," said Booker.

"I wished to know their logistics support and organizations and differences between their processes and ours," said Minami.

The first day of training started with a visit to JMSDF Ship Supply Depot (SSD), which is headquartered in Yokosuka.

FISC Yokosuka logisticians learned how SSD provides logistics support to JMSDF ships. Following the brief, JMSDF supply officers answered questions from FISC members and escorted them during the facility tour.

In the afternoon, Yokosuka Repair and Supply Facility (Y-RSF) gave the participants a brief on Y-RSF's operations. The participants later toured warehouse spaces and *Shoji-sho* or Yokosuka Degaussing Station. *Shoji-sho* is a place to erase the permanent magnetism from ships in order for the ships not to be exploited by magnetic mines.

On the second day, the group crossed Tokyo Bay and visited JMSDF Air Supply Depot (ASD), Kisarazu in Chiba prefecture, where they were given a brief on what ASD does, followed by a facility tour including warehouse spaces, the Japan Ground Self-Defense control tower and memorial museum.

On the last day, they visited the Maritime Staff Office (MSO) in Ichigaya, Tokyo. MSO is the Japanese equivalent to the U.S. Navy Chief of Naval Operations, which is located in one of the Japan Defense Ministry buildings. The FISC group toured Ichigaya Memorial Museum and Health and Welfare building after learning JMSDF organization and MSO structures.

The final day of training concluded with a visit to Maritime Materiel Command (MMC) in Jyujo, Tokyo, where they were briefed what MMC does, and given a tour of the facility.

MMC is headquartered in Jyujo garrison in Tokyo along with Japan Ground Self-Defense Force, Ground Material Control Command and Japan Air Self-Defense Force Air Material Command Headquarters, which engages in operations including procurement, storage, supply and maintenance of equipment for JMSDF ships and aircraft.

Under MMC, there are JMSDF SSD Yokosuka and JMSDF Air Supply Depot Kisarazu and ASD Shimofusa.

"What impressed me the most during the training was the JMSDF operation support for Operation Enduring Freedom. JMSDF has provided ships of foreign forces in the Indian Ocean with fuel for their ships as well as fresh water," said Minami. "If there is a next time, I wish to know more details, especially about Maritime Staff Office."

"The three-day training was outstanding. It provided the basic Information to learn about JMSDF logistics, and we also learned their organization, capabilities, missions, budgets, material management and facilities" said Booker. "I would like to receive the training again."

FISC Yokosuka welcomes new JMSDF intern at commencement ceremony

FISC横須賀、始業式で海上自衛隊研修生を歓迎

Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) Supply Officer Lt. Teruyuki Sakai is officially welcomed as the 84th U.S. Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC) Yokosuka JMSDF officer intern by FISC Yokosuka Commanding Officer Capt. Mike Arnold July 9. In his daily duties as the FISC Yokosuka officer intern, Sakai works closely with U.S. Navy counterparts to provide logistics support. Before Sakai was assigned to FISC Yokosuka, he was a supply officer aboard *JDS Yubetsu (DE 228)*.

Photo by Kazuyuki Takagi

7月9日、海上自衛隊補給士官坂井照幸1等海尉は、第84期横須賀補給センター（FISC）・海上自衛隊士官研修生としてFISC横須賀司令官マイク・アーノルド大佐に正式に迎えられた。FISC横須賀研修生の通常勤務として、坂井1等海尉は米海軍の後方支援担当官と緊密に連携し後方支援業務を行う。FISC横須賀に配属になる前は、海上自衛隊護衛艦「ゆうべつ」の補給長を務めた。

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FISC横須賀後方支援担当官、海上自衛隊研修を受ける

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横須賀補給センターは、海上自衛隊後方支援部隊と1967年から長年に渡り、密接な関係を維持している。

6月、海上自衛隊から7名の補給担当官が米海軍横須賀基地を訪れ、FISC横須賀および西太平洋における主要流通廠である横須賀国防流通廠（DDYJ）で米海軍後方支援を学んだ。

今月には、海上自衛隊との関係強化および海上自衛隊後方支援の知識を深めるためにFISC横須賀から後方支援担当官3名、FISC海上自衛隊連絡職員1名、海上自衛隊研修生2名が、海上自衛隊後方支援部隊を3日間に渡り訪問し、各部隊で研修を受けた。

FISC横須賀職員が海上自衛隊の後方支援について研修を受けるのは初めてのことである。

FISC横須賀燃料部の機械工ドニカ・ブッカー兵曹長、航空運用官（燃料）ラニーロ・ウンテベロ１等兵曹、南將美統括マネージャーが7月6日から8日にかけて研修に参加したのは、海上自衛隊の後方支援部隊に興味を持ったからである。

「違った観点から後方支援を学ぶ良い機会だと思いました。」とブッカー兵曹長。

「海上自衛隊の後方支援や組織、そして米海軍との相違点などを知りたいと思いました」と研修参加の動機を語る南さん。

3日間研修は、横須賀に本部を構える海上自衛隊艦船補給処から始まった。艦船補給処が、海上自衛隊艦船へどのように後方支援しているか概要説明を受け、質疑応答の後、一行は海上自衛隊補給仕官の案内で倉庫など見学した。

午後に、横須賀造修補給所を訪問。まず、部隊の概要説明を受け、倉庫や消磁所などの施設を見学した。消磁所とは艦船に帯びた磁気を消去し、敵の機雷が反応しないようにする施設である。

研修2日目、一行は東京湾を渡り、木更津海上自衛隊航空補給処で研修を受けた。そこで部隊の役割の説明を受け、その後、倉庫、陸上自衛隊管制塔、記念博物館を見学。

最終日は、市ヶ谷にある海上幕僚監部を訪問。海上幕僚監部は米海軍作戦本部に相当する組織である。そこで海上自衛隊の組織や海上幕僚監部の概要説明を受けた後に、防衛省内の施設見学として市ヶ谷厚生棟や広報室を訪れた。

その日の午後、東京都十条にある海上自衛隊補給本部を訪問。部隊の概要説明、施設見学を終え、3日間に渡る研修は終了した。

海上自衛隊補給本部は、東京都北区の十条駐屯地に陸上自衛隊補給統制本部、航空自衛隊補給本部とともに所在し、海上自衛隊が使用する艦船や航空機の各種装備品等の調達、保管、補給、整備などの業務を行い、隷下には、横須賀海上自衛隊艦船補給処、木更津海上自衛隊航空補給処および下総支処がある。

研修を終え、特に印象に残ったのは海上自衛隊による「不朽の自由作戦」支援です。海上自衛隊インド洋派遣で外国軍艦船に洋上補給（燃料・水）を行って支援をしたことです。次回は海上自衛隊補給本部のことをさらに詳しく学びたいと思います」と研修の感想を語る南さん。

「研修はとても素晴らしいものでした。研修では海上自衛隊後方支援の基本な情報および海上自衛隊後方支援部隊の組織、能力、ミッション、予算、資材管理、施設などを学びました。次回の研修を希望します」とブッカー兵曹長。

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