

# The Maritime Nation of Japan

Regarding the 3rd Basic Plan on Ocean Policy, which is due to be formulated this spring, Ichiro Hao (pp. 6-7), Director General of the National Ocean Policy Secretariat, Cabinet Office, notes that Japan will “fully take into account factors such as recent environmental changes and threats in the oceans surrounding Japan, progress with initiatives aimed at creating open and stable oceans based on the rule of law ... and to guarantee safety and peace of mind for the people of Japan, and safeguard the country’s marine interests.” In this month’s Feature, we deep dive these and other issues confronting Japan as a maritime nation, including the quest for subsea energy resources, coast guard training, sustainable fishing technologies past and present, and territorial sovereignty.

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