

Training Vessel *Itsukushima* Onboard Tour

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The *Itsukushima* is currently conducting an ocean navigation training voyage with 68 students who graduated from the Japan Coast Guard Academy in March 2026 on board.

As part of this training voyage, the vessel visited Singapore from 8 July (Wed) to 12 July (Sun) 2026. The *Itsukushima* has a displacement of approximately 5,500 tons, measures 134 metres in length, and can achieve speeds of over 20 knots.

On 11 July (Sat), members of the public who had been selected through a ballot were invited to participate in an onboard tour of the vessel.



Training Vessel *Itsukushima*
docked at Marina at Keppel Bay



The gangway of *Itsukushima*

During the tour, visitors were able to view souvenirs collected during the ship's visits to various countries. The crew also provided opportunities for guests to see and handle selected instruments and navigation equipment. The officers and crew stationed throughout the vessel were exceptionally friendly and approachable, readily sharing insights into life at sea, the equipment they use, their duties, and their experiences at the Japan Coast Guard Academy. Their enthusiasm and professionalism were evident throughout the visit.



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Itsukushima Paddle and
Tapestry

One aspect that particularly surprised me was the quality of the onboard living facilities, including the showers and laundry area. Despite being a training vessel, considerable attention has clearly been given to the welfare and comfort of those living and working on board.



Itsukushima's shower area



Itsukushima's laundry area



Itsukushima's navigation panel

Overall, the visit was a memorable and unique experience, especially for those who had never previously boarded a large vessel. I am grateful to the Japan Coast Guard Academy and the crew of the *Itsukushima* for making this visit possible during their stop in Singapore, and I wish them many blessings for the remainder of their voyage.

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