

# Peace-Related Education for SDF Officers Provided at NIDS



# National Institute for Defense Studies (NIDS)

- Think tank of the Ministry of Defense (MOD)
- NDU-equivalent educational institution
- Roles and Missions
  - Research on security issues
  - Research on military history
  - Education of Self-Defense Force (SDF) officers and MOD officials
  - International Exchanges
  - Information Dissemination



# Education Programs at NIDS

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- Regular Course
  - 10-month program for colonel/captain-rank SDF officers and assistant director-class civilian officials
- Special Course
  - 3-week program for major-general/rear-admiral and colonel/captain-rank SDF officers and director-class civilian officials
- Career-track Personnel Training Course
  - 2-week program for career-track civilian officials in their third year in the MOD

# Regular Course: Basic Information

- Has been provided for 70 years
- About 35 students (SDF officers, MOD/other ministries officials, international students, private companies employees)
- Aims and objectives
  - Acquisition of systematic knowledge covering all aspects of security
  - Fostering critical thinking
  - Fostering multifaceted thinking skills



# Regular Course: Curriculum

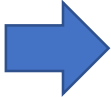
1st semester (Sep-Dec)	2nd semester (Dec-Feb)	3rd semester (Feb-Apr)	4th semester (Apr-Jun)
International security Strategic theory War history theory Law and security Economy and security U.S. security policy East Asian security 1 Cold War and Japan's security policy	<b>Conflict and the international community</b> Arms control, disarmament, and non-proliferation Economy and security Regional security 1 East Asian security 2	Technology and security Social safety and crisis management Military history of modern Japan New domains and security Regional security 2 Defense of Japan	Defense of Japan
Seminars			
Policy simulation			
Research paper			
Field trips			

# Conflicts and the International Community

Topic of lectures	Contents
International organizations and security	The UN and international security Efforts and limitations of post-Cold War international community
Africa and conflicts	Features and background of African conflicts Changes of African and international responses to conflicts
Refugee problem	Past and current situation of refugee problem UNHCR's activities
Peacekeeping	Current situation and trend of peacekeeping Challenges and prospects
Humanitarian assistance	Current situation and challenges of HA and NGOs Cases of humanitarian crisis
Peacebuilding by civilians	Civilian activities of PB and human resource developments Japan's role in PB
Security sector reform and capacity building	Background and importance of SSR and capacity building Challenges and prospects
Summary	Summary of lectures

# Features

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- Covers wide range of topics
  - Invites prominent external experts as lecturers
  - Fuses practical and academic insights
-  Provides comprehensive, diverse, and latest insights supported by sound evidence

Some graduates have been assigned to the SDF's Peacekeeping Training and Research Center and UNDPO

# Enhancing Capabilities of NIDS Researchers

- Research at NIDS
- PKO Center seminars
- Visits to SDF units
- Joint research with external researchers
- Symposiums
- Academic societies/associations



➡ Better and improved education for SDF officers