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## **7 – National Matters from Japan**

### **1. VTS operator training**

Since 2017, VTS operator training has been conducted at the ASEAN Regional Training Center for VTS Operators under the umbrella of IALA WWA and the ASEAN-Japan Transport Partnership. Starting in 2024, the target countries will be expanded; the training will be open to all ODA-eligible countries. The 2024 training will commence in September with eight trainees from five countries.

The call for interest for the 2025 training will be issued by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of each ODA-eligible country via the Japanese Embassy in that country. Interested countries should contact the Japanese Embassy by August 2024.

### **2. IMO matters**

At the 11th session of the IMO NCSR Sub-Committee in June 2024, Mr. Hideki Noguchi, the chair of the IALA DTEC Committee, was appointed as the chair of the NCSR NAV Working Group. He will also continue to serve as the coordinator of the NCSR Correspondence Group on the VHF Data Exchange System (VDES), whose term has been extended to the next session of the Sub-Committee in 2025.