

## **Sub-project I: International Law Research Group (International Rule Review Group)**

### **1. Profile of Research Group**

The purpose of this Research Group will be to analyze from a legal standpoint the issues that Japan must address in creating a stable international environment and realizing the three principles of the rule of law at sea in the Indo-Pacific region, where the rule of law over land and sea territory is being eroded.

More specifically, the Research Group will classify the issues relating to the use of force, intimidation and unilateral action in areas under dispute (in the South China Sea and elsewhere) that are heightening tensions in the region. It will also undertake research trips to Southeast Asian countries to exchange views with government officials and experts in international law. In addition, the Group will ascertain and examine problems connected with the peaceful resolution of disputes. To examine measures that Japan could take to help establish the rule of law, the Research Group will also make research trips to Europe to exchange views with judges at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) and experts in international law well-versed in international court proceedings, and will collect, sort and analyze data needed to study precedents and cases in order to formulate foreign policy recommendations for Japan.

Furthermore, the Research Group will participate in academic exchanges with the Regional Research Group to develop the human resources necessary to carry out maritime security study from a multi-faceted perspective.

### **2. Research Group Membership**

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