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Supporting Global Maritime Security through International Programs

"Although our forces can surge when necessary to respond to crises, trust and cooperation cannot be surged. They must be built over time so that the strategic interests of the participants are continuously considered while mutual understanding and respect are promoted."

— A Cooperative Strategy for 21st Century Seapower

The needs of 21st century maritime security are significantly enhanced by collaborating and cooperating with partner countries in areas of common interest. The Navy International Programs Office (Navy IPO) provides our maritime partners access to cutting-edge acquisition, technology, and logistic support systems; world-class training and education; and the maritime domain awareness and other C4I systems that can seamlessly tie it all together. Supporting relationships through international programs is Navy IPO's mission essential task.

Building partnerships through international programs

A key enabler of global maritime partnerships are our international programs. Navy IPO oversees international programs for the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard including:

- Security Assistance – Foreign Military Sales (FMS), leases, grants of excess defense articles, and services
- International Training and Education
- Technology Security – Disclosure policy and oversight and export licensing
- Cooperative Programs – International agreements and information and personnel exchange

Maritime Security – realizing common goals

- The international programs provide Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Component and Combatant Commanders effective tools for their theater engagement plans to build capacity and promote lasting relationships.
- Working with a wide range of stakeholders in acquisition program offices, defense, state and other interagency offices, and industry product and service providers, Navy IPO helps navigate the complex maze of laws, licensing and policy requirements to deliver capabilities to our friends and allies that maximize commonality.
- FMS and excess ship and aircraft transfers are instruments of international engagement that facilitate interoperability, shared production, common logistics and ultimately maritime security cooperation.
- Cooperative development and acquisition programs such as F/A-18, F-35, and Broad Area Maritime Surveillance (BAMS) provide important opportunities to build collaborative relationships.

International training and education promotes understanding and trust

- Relationships that develop among classmates at the Naval Postgraduate School, Naval War College, and other institutions provide the foundation for life-long bonds and common understanding.
- Professional and technical training courses provide exposure to life in the U.S., and in-country military training provides vital tactical and technical skills that enhance partner capabilities.

More information on international programs is available at <https://www.nipo.navy.mil>.

Key Messages

- Security assistance, technology security, and cooperative development programs contribute to partnership building.
- Navy IPO supports the Secretary of the Navy, Chief of Naval Operations and Combatant Commanders in Security Cooperation Plans and Supporting Plans.
- Building maritime partnerships and interoperability through security cooperation supports execution of our Maritime Strategy.

Facts & Figures

- More than 4,000 open FMS cases and more than \$10 billion in sales in FY07 and FY08
- Last year more than 7,000 students from 154 countries received training
- Currently 263 active Cooperative Development Projects with 24 countries
- More than \$1 billion in partner nation contributions to U.S. Navy acquisition programs in the last 10 years.