

1954

SDF flag (left) and SDF naval ensign (right) instituted at same time as establishment of Defense Agency. Director General Tokutaro Kimura (center) and Parliamentary Vice-Minister Masao Maeda (far right). (June 1954: Etchujima, Koto-ku, Tokyo)



Troop review commemorating one-year anniversary of Defense Agency (October 1955: Tokyo Jingu Gaien)



1st naval review in Tokyo Bay (October 1957: Tokyo Bay)



Soviet fighter MIG-25 that crash-landed at Hakodate airport (September 1976: Hakodate City, Hokkaido)

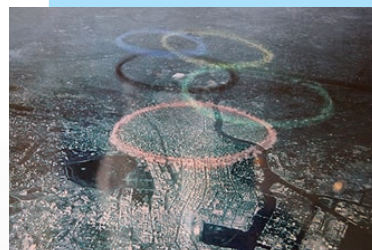


SDF personnel supplying water during disaster relief mission in wake of earthquake off the coast of Miyagi Prefecture (June 1978)

1960



Parade by female fife and drum corps of ASDF Kisarazu base at 1st SDF music festival (October 1963: Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium)



The five rings created by the Blue Impulse at the Tokyo Olympic Games opening ceremony (October 1964: Above the National Olympic Stadium) (Asagumo Shimbunsha)



SDF personnel from GSDF Camp Jinmachi helping out with rice planting work (June 1965: Wago Village, Yamagata Prefecture)



Japanese flag flown at Iwo-To (June 1968)



Badge system data screen (March 1969)

This year marks the 40th issue of Defense of Japan. Its inaugural issue was published in 1970, and the whitepaper has been published annually since 1976. The first Defense of Japan was black and white, printed on A5 size paper, and contained 94 pages in total. Over the years, it has witnessed a variety of transformations, including the introduction of colored pages, change to A4 size paper, attachment of CD-ROM, and availability on the MOD website. The Defense of Japan 2014 takes a look back at the activities of the MOD/SDF which marks their 60th anniversary in 2014, as well as the history of the publication of the Defense of Japan.

Feature

# Celebrating the 40th-Issue Milestone

## History of the Publication of Defense of Japan

1976

Second issue published (includes English version; published annually thereafter) "Basic Defense Force Concept"



1977 Started including defense chronology

1970

Inaugural issue of Defense of Japan



SDF personnel searching for ANA aircraft that collided into SDF aircraft and crashed near Shizukuishi, Iwate Prefecture (July 1971)



Seven female senior SDF personnel, MSDF's first such personnel, touring units (October 1974)



Delivery ceremony for first set of mass-produced Type-74 tanks (September 1975)  
\*The History of JGSDF 1950-2000 (Asagumo Shimbunsha)



Then-U.S. President Reagan reviews honor guard (November 1983: State Guest House)

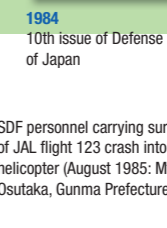
1980



Destroyer Hiei navigating next to U.S. aircraft carrier USS Constellation during SDF's first participation in Rim of the Pacific Exercise (RIMPAC) hosted by the U.S. Navy (March 1980)

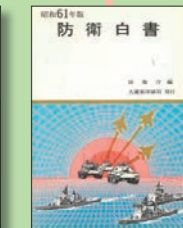


First public viewing of T-2 Blue Impulse (July 1982: ASDF Matsushima Air Base)



1982 Colored

At the request of Tokyo Metropolitan Government due to eruption of Mt. Mihara, SDF personnel disembarking firetrucks, etc. at Izu Oshima (November 1986)



1984 10th issue of Defense of Japan

SDF personnel carrying survivor of JAL flight 123 crash into helicopter (August 1985: Mt. Osutaka, Gunma Prefecture)



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SDF personnel searching for missing people in disaster relief mission in wake of Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake (January 1995: Kobe City)



GSDF personnel decontaminating train station following subway sarin incident (March 1995)



SDF personnel retrieving vast quantities of spilled oil during disaster relief mission in wake of Nakhodka accident (January 1997: Coast of Katano Town, Kaga City, Ishikawa Prefecture)



Unidentified boat off coast of Noto Peninsula (March 1999)



Five vessels of first unit deployed to Indian Ocean based on Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law (November 2001)



First participation of female SDF personnel in PKO (Timor-Leste: May 2002)

### 2014



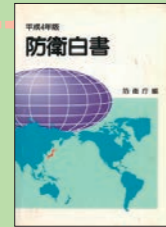
Etappe for unit providing relief to Rwandan refugees - SDF's first international humanitarian relief activity (October 1994)



1994  
20th issue of Defense of Japan White Paper "Transitions during 40 Years of SDF"



First class of female students at National Defense Academy lining up during entrance ceremony (April 1992: Yokosuka City, Kanagawa Prefecture)



Minesweeper Sakushima demolishing mines during minesweeper mission in Persian Gulf, SDF's first international operation since its establishment (August 1991: Deep waters of Persian Gulf)



SDF personnel lining up and saluting during the first air review with ASDF aircrafts in the background (October 1996)

\*For the Blue Sky: 50th Anniversary JASDF (Asagumo Shimbunsha)



GSDF personnel complete work to replace bridge in Cambodia - SDF's first PKO (March 1993)

\*The History of JGSDF 1950-2000 (Asagumo Shimbunsha)



### 1990

Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress pass by SDF band performing at ceremony of accession (November 1990)

### 2000



1999  
CD-ROM attached (until 2002)



2000  
Feature "Year 2000" Illustration from Hiroshi Motomiya's manga "Salaryman Kintaro" on cover bottom Published in A4-size



ASDF's first aerial refueling training (April 2003: Western Kyushu airspace)



2003  
Started including Digest Started making whitepaper available on MOD website



2004  
30th issue of Defense of Japan (Column "30 Issues of Defense of Japan") Publication of condensed version (until 2009)



Publication of "Defense of Japan in Manga"

Shift to joint operations system, first Chief of Staff, Joint Staff appointed (right) (March 2006)



Aegis destroyer Kongo's success in test launch of SM-3 for the first time (December 2007)



Patriot PAC-3 (March 2007: Saitama Prefecture)



2007  
Feature on "Past Year in Defense of Japan"  
Ceremony commemorating transition to the Ministry of Defense (January 2007)



Personnel engaged in medical relief activities as part of disaster relief activities in the Philippines (November 2013: Cebu Island)



2013  
Launch of smartphone version



2012  
Section on "20 Years of International Cooperation" Launch of e-book version



GSDF personnel searching for missing people during disaster relief mission in wake of the Great East Japan Earthquake (April 2011)



2011  
Feature on the Great East Japan Earthquake



### 2010

2010  
Feature on 50th anniversary of Japan-U.S. Security Treaty



2009  
cover designed by calligrapher Souun Takeda



MSDF P-3C squadron and patrol aircraft units of the U.S., Germany, and Spain engaged in anti-piracy operations off the coast of Somalia in the Gulf of Aden (June 2009: Djibouti-Ambouli International Airport)

MSDF honor guard Present Arms to honor Imperial hearse carrying casket of Emperor Showa in front of Imperial Palace main gate (February 1989)

