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Rear Admiral Shunichi HATANO joined the Maritime Officer Candidate School (MOCS) at Etajima in 1984 after studying for 4 years at the National Defense Academy where he majored Aviation Engineering.

After one year professional education and training at the MOCS, he was commissioned in 1985 and started his naval career as a P-3 pilot. His command tours included the Commander, Special Boarding Unit, Commanding Officer, Air Patrol Squadron 5, Commanding Officer, Air Development Squadron 51 and Commander, Fleet Air Wing 5.

HATANO's shore tours included tours as a member of Secretary Secretariat Public Relations Department, Director of Public Affairs Section, and Director of Welfare Division at the Maritime Staff Office in the Ministry of Defense.

HATANO graduated from Expert Studies Course at MCSC as well as graduated from Royal College of Defence Studies (RCDS) in 2004.

As a flag officer, his tours included Commander, Fleet Air Wing 31 and Rear Admiral Shunichi HATANO assumed duties as Vice President, Maritime Command and Staff College (MCSC) in March 2017.

On this opportunity, he is going to make a presentation titled "Greater Maritime Visibility based on International Law and JMSDF Activities."