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Pacific Partnership 2010

"The world we live in today is more interconnected than before and history provides a window into the future, as it has demonstrated the importance of cooperation and collaboration when facing common challenges such as natural disasters. By working together, we are better prepared to overcome adversity and help each other in times of need."

– Adm. Patrick Walsh, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet

Pacific Partnership is an annual U.S. Pacific Fleet-sponsored training and readiness mission that works by, with and through host and partner nations, non-governmental organizations (NGO) and other U.S. government agencies to execute a variety of humanitarian and civic assistance (HCA) activities throughout the Pacific Fleet area of responsibility. The mission was created as a result of the devastating 2004 tsunami that killed hundreds of thousands from Indonesia and Thailand to Sri Lanka. The focus of this mission is to better prepare the international community for a coordinated rapid response to natural disasters anywhere in the region.

Strengthening Regional Alliances and Building Capacity to Respond to Crisis

- The U.S., NGOs, and partner nations conduct various medical, dental, veterinary and engineering civic action programs that have been identified by the host nation governments and approved by USAID. The programs are designed to assist local communities with a wide range of services to support and enhance local health capacity and to enable a rapid collective international response in times of disaster.

Partnering With Nations

- [Pacific Partnership 2010](#) is conducting a six-nation visit between May and Sep: USNS Mercy has completed the first two mission visits to [Vietnam](#) and [Cambodia](#) along with the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force ship JDS Kunisaki (LST 4003); Mercy is also scheduled to conduct missions in Indonesia and Timor-Leste; USS Blue Ridge (LCC-19) and USS Crommelin (FFG-37) are scheduled to conduct HCA activities in Palau and Papua New Guinea, respectively; The Royal Australian navy's HMAS Manoora (L 52) is also scheduled to visit Papua New Guinea; and the Indonesian navy multipurpose medical ship KRI Dr Soeharso (990) is scheduled to participate in Indonesia with Mercy.

Snapshot of Mission Care in Vietnam May 31 – June 12, 2010

- More than 19,000 patients requested care ranging in general medicine, [optometry](#), [dental](#), and [pediatric](#) care; 343 of those patients were seen onboard Mercy; and surgeons performed 132 [surgical procedures](#) from cataracts to acute trauma.
- Subject matter expert exchanges included retinal disease, interventional cardiology, and leprosy discussions. Biomedical equipment technicians from Mercy restored 35 pieces of medical equipment, with a repair value in excess of \$4.3 million.
- U.S. Navy Seabees from [Navy Mobile Construction Battalion 11](#) and Amphibious Construction Battalion 1 provided renovations to a school for disabled children, a medical clinic and a health care center.

Key Messages

- Pacific Partnership supports the Global Maritime Partnership concept by enhancing relationships with regional nations in the Asia-Pacific region.
- Pacific Partnership is designed to strengthen regional partnerships and increase interoperability with the U.S. interagency, partner nations and international humanitarian and relief organizations to better prepare for natural disasters.
- This is a partnership with nations and organizations who share a common interest in maintaining a stable and secure Asia-Pacific region.

Facts & Figures

- Pacific Partnership 2010 is the fifth annual Pacific Partnership mission and includes 8 partner nations and 15 non-governmental organizations.
- Six Navy ships from U.S., Japan, Indonesia, and Australia will visit Vietnam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Timor-Leste, Palau, and Papua New Guinea
- Over the past 4 years, Pacific Partnership has provided medical and dental services to more than 150,000 patients in 10 countries; more than 70 engineering projects in 12 countries; and more than 15,000 animals have received veterinarian care.