

## Japan Coast Guard's Assistance to the Mauritian National Coast Guard

“Capacity building workshop for prevention and elimination of oil at maritime oil spill incidents”

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From 1400 to 1600 hours on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August, Japan Disaster Relief (JDR) team dispatched for the response to the oil spill from WAKASHIO which was grounded at Pointe d'Esny, conducted workshop for capacity building on prevention and elimination of oil at maritime oil spill incidents. Three experts of JDR team sent by the Japan Coast Guard (JCG), Mr NAGATA Seiichiro, Mr OTSUKA Hisashi and Mr ITO Tadakuni gave the lecture to Mauritian National Coast Guard (MNCG).

The main tasks of the first batch of JDR team are site assessment, gathering and sharing information, providing advice and suggestion to the relevant authorities. The workshop was conducted aiming to build capacity of MNCG for the response to maritime oil spill by sharing experience and skills of JCG.

At the Police Mobile Command Post located within the Command Centre in Blue Bay, around 10 MNCG members participated to the workshop. Mr NAGATA gave the theoretical lecture on the elimination of spilled oil and on the response to the current oil spill incident. Mr OTSUKA and Mr ITO verified the lecture by demonstrating dispersion and collection of oil using samples collected by the experts from the site.

Taking this workshop as an opportunity, we hope that the capacity of MNCG will be improved as well as cooperation and ties between MNCG and JCG will be further strengthened in future with possible technical assistance from Japan.

