On August 18, 2022, Consul-General Kobayashi received a courtesy call from Rear Admiral Hirata, Commander, Escort Flotilla Four, Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force, visiting Guam as part of its training exercise.

The Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force, in an effort to maintain and strengthen a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific", dispatches JS IZUMO and TAKANAMI to conduct joint training exercises throughout the Indo-Pacific region with the US Navy, the Royal Australian Navy and other navies from several countries.



Consul-General Kobayashi and Rear Admiral Hirata