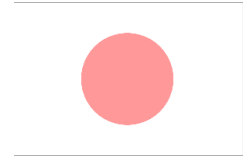


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Reception on board of JS Uraga, JMSDF **(Japan Maritime Self Defense Force)**

【Manama – October 28, 2011】 On the occasion of the visit of the 51 Minesweeper Division, Japan Maritime Self Defense Force, to Mina Salman Port in the Kingdom of Bahrain, Commander of Mine warfare Force, Rear Admiral Izuru FUKUMOTO hosted a reception on board of JS Uraga (MST 436) in the evening on Fri 28th October.

Japanese Ambassador Designate, H.E. Mr. Shigeki SUMI, Director of Bilateral Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Dr. Dhafar Al-Umran, and Ambassadors, Charges, Commanders and Captains in the Kingdom of Bahrain attended this reception.

It was a precious opportunity for enhancing bilateral relationship between Japan and Kingdom of Bahrain, and also mutual cooperation among US, UK and other countries.

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