

JDS Cho Kai (DDG 176) Sailors send lines over to pier Mike 1 Monday as three Japanese ships enter Pearl Harbor for a port visit.

Three Japanese Maritime Self-Defense ships visit Pearl Harbor

Japanese warships JDS Chokai (DDG 176, JDS Hiei (DDH 142) and JDS Samidare (DD 106) pulled into Naval Station Pearl Harbor for a nine-day port visit Monday morning. The ships, from Sasebo, Japan, are conducting training operations and are en route to San Diego.

JMSDF personnel will visit various naval commands including CINCPACFLT, HSL-37 and NCTAMS. The JMSDF ships are hosted by DESRON 31, USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), USS Russell (DDG 59) and USS Crommelin (FFG 37).



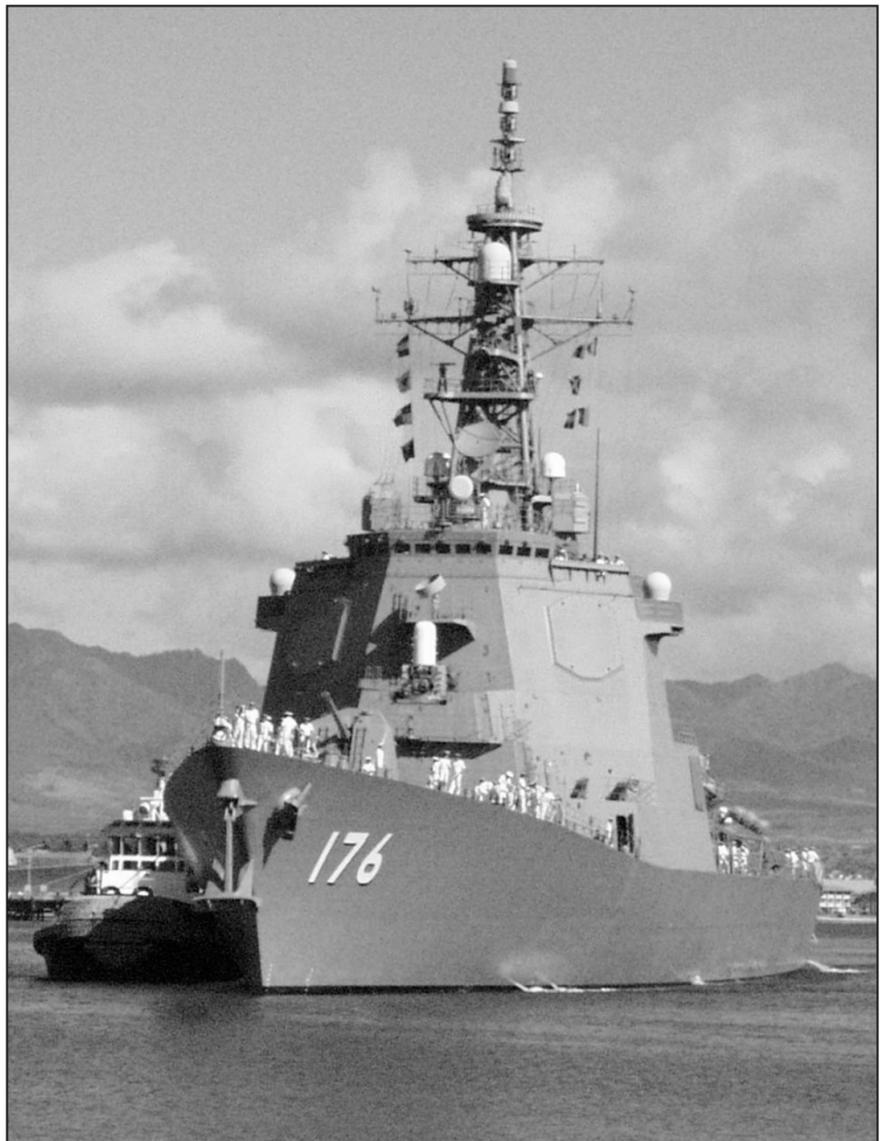
JDS Chokai (DDG 176) passes USS Port Royal (CG 73) as the ship enters Pearl Harbor en route to mooring at pier Mike 1.



Members of the United Japan Society welcome Capt. Noboru Nishi, Commander, Escort Division Six Four and Capt. Tsuneko Tanaka, commanding officer of JDS Chokai (DDG 176).



JDS Hiei (DDH 142) and JDS Samidare (DD 106) moor at pier Bravo 23.



JDS Chokai (DDG 176) makes her way into Pearl Harbor Monday for a nine-day port visit.

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