

21 February 2013 - The Philippines and Japan will hold the 2nd Dialogue on Maritime and Oceanic Affairs on Friday, February 22, at the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Main Building in Pasay City.

The Philippine delegation will be headed by Assistant Secretary Gilberto G.B. Asuque, DFA Office of the Undersecretary for Special and Ocean Concerns, as Chair, and Special Assistant Henry Bensurto, DFA Office of the Undersecretary for Policy, as Co-Chair. The Japanese delegation will be headed by Mr. Kenji Kanasugi, Deputy Director-General for Southwest and Southeast Asian Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA).

The Philippine delegation will also be composed of representatives from the DFA, Department of National Defense, Philippine Coast Guard, Maritime Industry Authority, National Mapping and Resource Information Authority and Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources. The Japanese delegation will be composed of representatives from MOFA, Secretariat of the Headquarters for Ocean Policy of the Cabinet Secretariat, Ministry of Defense and the Coast Guard.

During the meeting, the two countries will discuss various areas of cooperation particularly in maritime safety, maritime security, anti-piracy measures, fisheries and marine scientific research.

The first dialogue on maritime cooperation between the Philippines and Japan was held in Tokyo on 09 September 2011. It was headed by Assistant Secretary Asuque and Special Assistant Bensurto. END