

The City of Yokohama Signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Expertise France for the Joint Implementation of the Global Ports Safety Project

— A Project Referenced in the Japan–France Joint Leaders’ Statement —

The City of Yokohama has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Expertise France, the international cooperation agency of the French Republic, for the joint implementation of the Global Ports Safety (GPS) Project. Through this initiative, Yokohama aims to enhance the international presence of its port and further promote the city’s global strategies.



Left: Ms. Victoria Dussardier, Global Ports Safety Project Manager, for and on behalf of CEO of Expertise France
Right: Mr. Yasuhiro SHIMBO, Director General, Port and Harbor Bureau, City of Yokohama

1 Date and Venue of Signing

Thursday, March 31, 2026

Residence of the Ambassador of the French Republic to Japan



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2 Outline of the Memorandum of Understanding

The City of Yokohama and Expertise France will jointly organize a seminar on maritime fuel decarbonization in ports, primarily targeting port and energy stakeholders from ASEAN member countries, to be held in Yokohama in November 2026.



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3 About Expertise France

Expertise France is a public institution responsible for the international development cooperation of the French Republic and a member of the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) Group. In collaboration with public, civil society, and private sector partners, Expertise France contributes to the achievement of SDGs in over 140 countries, working across a wide range of fields including governance, climate, health, and education.

4 About the Global Ports Safety Project

The Global Ports Safety (GPS) Project is an international cooperation initiative implemented by the European Union (EU) in collaboration with the French Republic and other partners, aiming to enhance maritime safety, security, and sustainability at ports in South and Southeast Asia. With a particular focus on the ASEAN region, the project provides training programs on port safety management to strengthen port operational capacities.

Reference 1:

Japan–France Joint Leaders’ Statement

On April 1, 2026, Prime Minister TAKAICHI Sanae and H.E. Mr. Emmanuel Macron issued a Japan–France Joint Leaders’ Statement. The following statement related to this project was included:

The two leaders welcomed the signing of a joint training project between Global Port Safety (GPS) and the Port of Yokohama to be held on November 25 and 26.

*Quoted from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs website. The announcement was issued in both French and Japanese, only the Japanese version is included here.

https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/erp/erp_1/fr/pageit_000001_02847.html

Reference 2:

OXExpo (Ocean Transformation Expo)

The joint training project between Global Port Safety (GPS) and the Port of Yokohama will be held as a side event within OXExpo, scheduled for November 25–26, 2026.



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