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Japan: Arming With Aegis?

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Summary

Japan's Maritime Self Defense Force (MSDF) is setting top priority on securing funding in Japan fiscal year 1988--which begins 1 April of next year--for at least one Aegis-type surface-to-air guided missile destroyer, to be delivered by the early 1990s. With formal budget planning starting this spring, the MSDF appears to be well placed to achieve that goal. The MSDF has backing from key components in the Japan Defense Agency (JDA), as well as the shipbuilding and defense industries. The loudest opponents, the opposition parties, have little clout. Nonetheless, Aegis--even in a reduced-size version also under consideration--will be expensive, and tough bargaining ahead with the powerful Finance Ministry leaves procurement open to question. Tokyo views Aegis procurement as an essential step toward improving Japan's naval air defense and its ability to defend Japan's sea lanes, but the initial force would be small--only four ships are planned by the year 2000--and protection for the sea lanes and the fleet would be limited.

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MSDF Touts Aegis' Strategic Role

The Maritime Staff Office (MSO) of the MSDF has identified the Aegis guided missile destroyer (see inset) as a key procurement target for the late 1980s and 1990s. A review of defense policy as well as exchanges with Washington over the last few years have convinced the Japanese that they must improve naval and air defense capabilities. The JDA is currently developing a strategy to meet that objective.



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The Aegis Shipborne Surface-to-Air Weapon System

Aegis is a US-designed, ship-mounted, surface-to-air weapon system primarily designed to defend against antiship cruise missiles and airborne missile launch platforms. It is capable of destroying small, fast targets in hostile environments such as severe weather or electronic jamming conditions. As an area defense system, Aegis is capable of defending a naval task force with its sophisticated radar, fire and weapon control systems, and command and control. The heart of Aegis is the multifunction, phased-array radar, a high performance electronic scanning device capable of surveillance and simultaneous detection and tracking of multiple targets. The primary weapon used is the SM-2 version of the US Standard missile [redacted] which is guided to the target area by means of inertial navigation, command corrections, and terminal homing. The US Navy currently carries Aegis on Ticonderoga-class cruisers and will field a similar, but somewhat less capable, version of Aegis on Arleigh Burke-class destroyers. [redacted]

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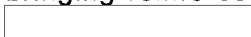
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Value of Aegis to Sea Lane Defense

If the budget debate goes in the MSDF's favor, Japan will be able to begin improving its ability to defend the southern sea lines of communication. The estimated size of the Aegis fleet is only four destroyers by 2000, however, which will limit the total protecting range of the ships. Under the MSDF deployment plan, each of the four Aegis destroyers now planned would be assigned to an escort flotilla. Because four of the five flotillas are based in the southern half of the country (Sasebo, Kure, Maizuru, Yokosuka) we expect most, if not all, Aegis ships would be stationed to the southeast or southwest of the home islands (see map). This would allow the MSDF to deploy the Aegis ships on short notice to bolster air defense over the southern sea lines of communication and to help defend US ships bringing reinforcements and materiel to Japan in times of rising tensions or conflict. 

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Japan: Support for Aegis

JDA		Ministries		Industry		Political Parties	
Civilian Leaders		MOF		Shipbuilding Lobby		LDP	
Defense Policy Bureau		MITI		Keidanren		Opposition	
Technical R&D Institute		MFA		Mitsubishi Heavy Ind.			
Equipment Bureau				Ishikawajima Heavy Ind.			
MSDF				Kawasaki Heavy Ind.			
Other Services				Mitsubishi Electric Co.			

- Strong Support
- Mixed Support
- Moderate Opposition
- Moderate Support
- Strong Opposition
- Uncommitted

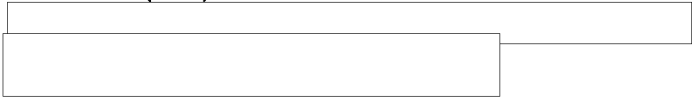
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