

The Hormuz Question and Japan's Response

- Perception of another 'energy crisis'
 - Primary focus on securing supply of crude and oil products
- Concern over safety of vessels and personnel in the region
- Debate over certain security role for Japan to undertake
 - Possible dispatch of JSDF vessels to the region
- Lingering question on the legality of US and Israel military operations
 - In contrast to the '12-day War'
- Future of Japan's relationship with regional states
 - Heavy reliance on oil and gas today, but what about tomorrow?