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## Japan Coast Guard receives EC225 for search and rescue and law enforcement missions

Tokyo, 2 March 2015 – Airbus Helicopters Japan has delivered an EC225 LP to the Japan Coast Guard (JCG), which was acquired as replacement for an aircraft that was destroyed during the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake. This is the last of three EC225s ordered by JCG in July 2011; the earlier two having been delivered last year.

With the three additional helicopters, JCG now operates a Super Puma fleet that includes five EC225s and three AS332 L1s. The new EC225s are equipped with the most advanced search and rescue mission systems, and will be utilized as well for security enforcement, territorial sea guard duties and anti-disaster operations.

“We are very honoured that our helicopters are operated by JCG, one of the world's leading maritime security organizations, and contributing to life-saving and enforcement missions,” said Stephane Ginoux, Managing Director of Airbus Helicopters Japan. “This handover is especially significant, as it is the 3000<sup>th</sup> rotorcraft to be delivered from our hangar since we commenced operations in 1971, marking a new milestone in the history of Airbus Helicopters in Japan.”

The EC225 is an 11-ton class, twin-engine helicopter from the Super Puma family, equipped with the latest electronic devices and state-of-the-art autopilot system. It features fast cruise speed, superior range and large capacity for equipment.

A total of 23 Super Puma family helicopters are operating in Japan, utilized by both civil and military users in search and rescue, offshore operations and passenger transport.

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