**Research Cruise Participation aboard JAMSTEC vessels**

JAMSTEC has been operating its research fleet through the establishment of several policies and criteria to prevent the spread of infection by COVID-19. These policies and criteria were established to manage both the health of all boarding/visiting personnel and the continuation of research cruises; these have been reviewed and updated as the domestic and international situation regarding infection status and the emergence of new variants have been reported.

Once a contagious infection breaks out onboard, it may easily spread in the confined spaces of a research vessel. Patient transfers from vessels at sea to shore take time, and during this interval, the patients’ condition may become more serious. Therefore, the onboard environment is considered to be riskier than onshore.

To protect the health of boarding/visiting personnel and to continue operating safe cruises, all personnel who plan to board/visit must read and comply with the latest version of *"JAMSTEC/MarE3 Criteria for boarding ships for prevention of COVID-19 outbreak for non-mariner personnel"* (hereinafter, "Boarding Criteria"), *“JAMSTEC/MarE3 Criteria for visiting ships for prevention of COVID-19 outbreak”* (hereinafter, "Visiting Criteria") and *"Policies for the JAMSTEC/MarE3’s responses to the COVID-19 during the cruises"* (hereinafter, "Response Policy during Cruise").

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**Written Oath**

* When boarding/visiting a ship, I have read the complete *Boarding/visiting Criteria*, fully understood the contents, and have complied with them from \_\_\_\_(day)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(month) until today.
* I entered all my information in the activity log as honestly and reliably as possible.
* (For boarding personnel only) I have read & fully understood the *Response Policy during Cruise*, and will comply with it while on board.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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