

Object Summary



Japan Maritime Self Defence Force Torpedo Vessel Katori (TV 3501) Badge

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Dimensions

Overall: 21.8 × 27 cm, 1.2 kg

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Object Type

Ship Badge; Commemorative Badge

Material

Wood, metal

Technique

Cast in metal, on wooden plaque

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Museum

Malta Maritime Museum

Registration Number

MMM 000164

Description

This is the badge of the JDS Katori (TV-3501), a Japanese ship which served for training launched in November 1968.

This vessel forms part of the Japanese Maritime Self-Defence Force. This force visited Malta on 23 September 1991, as part of a training cruise which visited fourteen countries in total. Along with JDS Katori, there were also the destroyers JDS Hatsuyuki (DD122) and JDS Yamayuki (DD129). As indicated on the plaque, this was ‘presented by Commanding Officer of TV-3501 Katori, in 1991 when it visited Malta. The metal badge contains a traditional Japanese gate, better known as the torii. The words ‘OVERSEAS TRAINING CRUISE JDS TV 3501’ are located at the two horizontal beams which top the structure resting on the two cylindrical vertical posts. The name of the ship ‘KATORI’ below, both in the English script and in Japanese ‘香取’. On a field Argent, a statant gold dragon. Beneath it, a feather and a sword are placed, crossing each other. The plaque is mounted onto a wooden plaque as a commemorative piece.

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