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## CHINA'S NAVY IN PACIFIC ISLAND EXPORTS

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*Examining the Peoples Liberation Army Navys Oceania port visits.*

On September 4, the Peoples Liberation Army Navy (PLAN) training ship Qi Jiguang departed Qingdao for a Pacific deployment. Qi Jiguang will visit Indonesia, Fiji, and Papua New Guinea, where it will conduct bilateral training. The deployment marks the second PLAN goodwill mission to Oceania this year. PLAN hospital ship Daishan Dao, also known as Peace Ark, provided medical assistance to Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vantu, and Timor-Leste from July to September of this year.

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