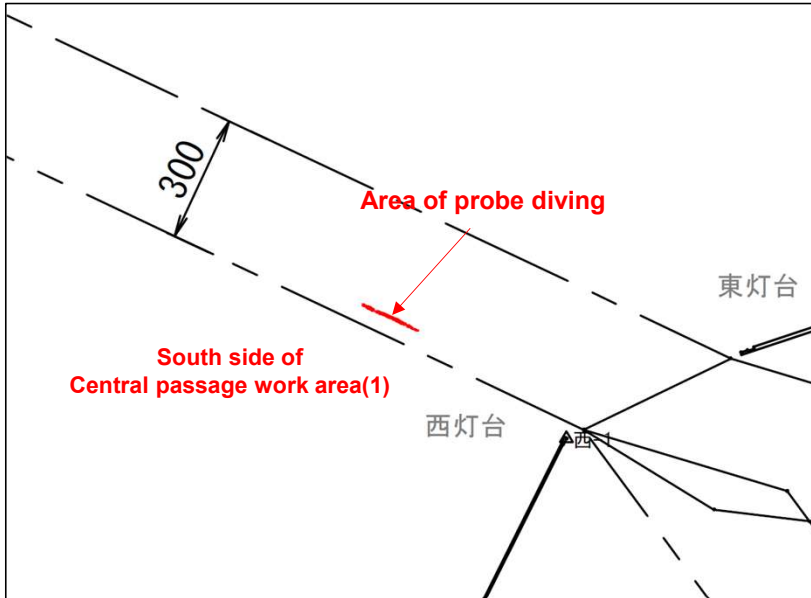


Notice of Probe Diving off Central Passage Area at Hakata Port (South side of Central Passage Work Area(1))

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We will conduct **probe diving** as follows. Vessels sailing nearby are advised to exercise due caution.

1. Work area



2. Work period

April 2026: Probe diving

- Probe diving will be carried out in the South side of central passage work area (1).
- Probe diving will be carried out in the South side of central passage work area (2) after probe diving is finished in the South side (1).
- Period of probe diving (assumption): April 8 to April 21.

3. Work description

Probe diving: Divers arriving at the work area in diver boats (4 at most) check for and remove geomagnetic field-disrupting substances.

4. Request to vessels traveling nearby waters

- (1) During probe diving, **vessels of over 78 m in length** sailing near the work area when below time schedule **should notify** the Hakata Support Work Office (Tel: 092-262-4621) **one hour and fifteen minutes before their sailing near the work area.**

• Probe diving time (assumption): 8:30~16:00

- (2) Vessels sailing near the work area are requested to remain as far away as possible from the fleet of workboats and avoid trying to overtake it.
- (3) Vessels sailing near the work area are requested to slow their speed to the extent that does not hinder piloting and sail as far as possible from workboats and moored vessels and also obey any guidance issued by the patrol boats.
- (4) The following vessels restricted from passing by other vessels are required to avoid passing by them.

Vessels restricted from passing by other vessels

Length of over 78 m and below 195 m

* Evacuation to outside the passage is required when vessels of 195 m or more in length need to pass.

- (5) Vessels equipped with VHF are required to listen to channel 16 at all times.
- (6) If evacuation of the fleet of workboats is required, please contact the Office (Tel: 092-262-4621).

5. Provision of Information

Additional information on the construction work is available from the sources listed below:



- Website of Hakata Support Work Office →
- Preservation, Hakata Port and Airport Development Office, Kyushu Regional Development Bureau (Tel: 092-752-4365)