

Interview with Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry



President
World Maritime University (WMU)

You are from the island country of Dominica. Do you feel that influenced your choice to pursue a sea-related career?

Growing up on a small island surrounded by the sea, with our house pitched a few feet away from the sea shore with fish being almost the daily staple, most certainly had an influence on my awareness of the sea and the ocean and influenced my decision to pursue advanced studies related to the law of the sea. Shipping is vital to the economy and daily life in the Caribbean, and it seems fitting that my career path evolved to incorporate the rights of seafarers and fishers. I also have a profound interest in the issues confronting small island nations, particularly at this time of climate change.

You had a long career at the International Labour Organization. What was your path from Dominica to Geneva?

I am the third of eleven children. My father, Elkin Bernard Henry, had the job of raising all his children. He had an infectious belief in the value of education. He was himself an educator. He was the first person who told me "Yes, you can!" These three words guide me even today. With this encouragement, I started out on a path to become a lawyer and law lecturer. I obtained a Bachelor of Law at the University of the West Indies, attended Law School in London, a degree that would allow me to practice law as a Barrister and Solicitor. I then obtained two Master of Laws degrees – one in Property Law from the University of the West Indies where I was a lecturer. The second LL.M. was in International Law, as was my PhD, both of which I obtained from the Graduate Institute of International Studies and University of Geneva, Switzerland. I



did an internship at the World Bank in Washington, then worked as a lawyer at the Iran-US Claims Tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands. From there, I joined the ILO in 1986 where for many years I worked to improve labour rights around the world, including seafarers' rights. The maritime industry is one of the sectors of economic activity with which I have had the closest connection in my professional career. It has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have had: building capacity and ensuring ownership with a view to finding solutions that all stakeholders could work with for effective implementation of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006).

What attracted you to the position at WMU?

I have had a long-standing relationship with WMU since I first served as a Visiting Professor teaching the Class of 2001. It is a privilege for me to assume the helm of this remarkable academic institution with its global reach and immense influence in the international maritime community. I am looking forward to working with a great team of faculty and staff to ensure that WMU -

through education, training, capacity-building and research - delivers on the expectations of governments and industry stakeholders to implement the maritime and oceans agenda contributing to a sustainable future for all.

What are the important issues facing WMU?

The University has entered a new era with important milestones in 2015. It received unconditional accreditation for its Ph.D. and M.Sc. programmes from the Central Evaluation and Accreditation Agency (ZEvA) of Hanover, Germany; WMU moved to state-of-the-art new premises in the heart of Malmö that have been awarded two prizes: the 2015 City of Malmö's highest architecture prize and the 2015 Region Skåne Architecture Prize. WMU will also be welcoming a new Chancellor in IMO Secretary-General Elect, Mr. Ki-tack Lim, who is the first WMU alumnus to hold these key positions.

WMU is also embarking on an amazing journey to implement the new strategic directions adopted by the WMU Board of Governors in May 2015 and endorsed by the IMO Council in July this year. The Study on the Financial Sus-

tainability of the University by the IMO Secretary General, Mr. Koji Sekimizu, sets out eight key strategic directions for the University. Among these eight strategies, three provide WMU with an expanded mandate: education and fostering of the growth of maritime leaders in both developing and developed countries as a core mission of WMU; the expansion of the WMU scope to include ocean-related matters; and strengthening the University's research function for maritime policy and ocean subjects. We are moving forward to implement these strategies and will need much support - particularly funding - to achieve them.

As part of the United Nations family, WMU is committed to supporting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by the 193 member States of the United Nations on September 25. While the 17 goals and 169 targets are interrelated and indivisible, I wish to highlight those that will be of particular focus for WMU. Goal 4: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all; Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls; Goal 7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all; Goal 9: Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation; Goal 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts; Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development; and Goal 17: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

It was a privilege for me to meet Dr. Yohei Sasakawa, Chairman of The Nippon Foundation, for the first time at the inauguration of the new WMU premises, when he announced the unprecedented plan to establish a special endowment fund worth US\$100 million to support the University's efforts in establishing an ocean and maritime research institute as mandated by the decisions of the governing bodies of WMU. Dr. Sasakawa anticipated that the twenty-first century would become the "century of the oceans." He has nurtured and provided opportunities for future maritime leaders and supported research on the marine environment, maritime resources, and the prevention of piracy. His foresight has now been consecrated in Goal 14 of the UN SDGs.

If, indeed, the health of the oceans is the wealth of humanity, then we must shepherd this precious resource. The policies, strategies and mechanisms in which the global community must engage for the sustainable and responsible use of the oceans should permeate all of our activities. Strengthening research on maritime policy and ocean subjects, and promoting through the activities of the University a vibrant maritime industry, where maritime policy and governance are effectively implemented and based on the international Conventions of the

IMO, will be a critical capacity-building contribution of WMU to worldwide health and sustainability of the oceans, seas, and shipping industry.

What message do you have for the students of WMU under the WMU Sasakawa Fellowship Programme?

I too was very fortunate to have had the benefit of scholarships from various donors throughout my University education. Without these scholarships and support, I would not be where I am today. The Nippon Foundation's vision and long-standing support to WMU since 1987 has contributed immensely to enable many individuals from around the world to benefit from a post-graduate education in Maritime Affairs. Including the graduating Class of 2015, 532 Sasakawa Fellows from over 60 countries have graduated from WMU. Let us just for one minute imagine the positive impact this has had on the lives of so many: their families, institutions and countries. As maritime professionals, Sasakawa Fellows are today making a difference in their respective countries and institutions, an opportunity they might not otherwise have had. I wish them all the best in their continuous efforts as they promote the social innovation ideals of The Nippon Foundation, and represent WMU as alumni of this incredible institution. I also ask that as they progress in their careers, as their authority and responsibilities increase and they gain influence in the making of policy, that they remember their Alma Mater. I do not mean simply remembering us with financial contributions (although I'm not discouraging such contributions, either). I mean for them to remember that we are a resource, a research partner with whom they can collaborate, a curator and disseminator of information, and a source of training and instruction. They may have completed their formal programme of study with us, but we belong to them for life. Tell us how we can be of further service.

What are your cherished mottoes and/or hobbies?

Do not put off for tomorrow what you can do today.

My hobby is reading.



Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry

Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry (LL.B, LL.M, Ph.D International Law) joined WMU as President in the summer of 2015. Prior to joining WMU, she served as the Director of the International Labour Standards Department of the International Labour Office (ILO) in Geneva, Switzerland.

Dr. Doumbia-Henry began her career at the University of the West Indies, Barbados, as a lecturer in law. She later worked with the Iran-US Claims Tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands and then joined the ILO in 1986 where she served both as a senior lawyer of the Organization and in several management positions. She was responsible for developing ILO Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, and remained responsible for it until she joined WMU. Since the late 1990s, she led the ILO participation in a number of IMO/ILO interagency collaborations on several issues of common interest to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and ILO, including the Joint IMO/ILO Ad Hoc Expert Working Groups on Fair Treatment of Seafarers and on Liability and Compensation regarding Claims for Death, Personal Injury and Abandonment of Seafarers.

Her qualifications include Barrister at Law and Solicitor, and she is entitled to practice in all English-speaking Caribbean jurisdictions and is a Member of the Inner Temple, Inns of Court, United Kingdom. She holds:

- an LL.B from the University of the West Indies;
- a Masters of Law from the University of the West Indies;
- a Masters in International Law from the Graduate Institute of International Studies, University of Geneva, and
- a Doctorate in International Law from the University of Geneva and the Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva, Switzerland.

Dr. Doumbia-Henry has dual Dominican and Swiss nationality and has published extensively on a wide range of international law subjects, including: International labour standards and trade, the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, the Seafarers Identity Documents' Convention, 2003, and the Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Sea.



A Warm Orientation for the Class of 2016

Henry Mwasaru (Kenya, 2016)

Students of the Class of 2015 & 2016 that have been awarded the Sasakawa Fellowship gathered on September 25, 2015 at the World Maritime University in the Sasakawa Auditorium for the orientation of the Class of 2016. This is an event that takes place every year to usher in and induct the new students that were awarded the Fellowship. It's a practice that has helped foster sustainable networks among the Sasakawa family, not only among the students present but the whole network at large. Consequently, the new students are able to internalize the values and principles of the Sasakawa family culture.

A total of 43 students, 22 from the Class of 2015 and 21 from the Class of 2016, gathered for this indispensable event. Also present were Mr. Eisuke Kudo and Mr. Shinichi Ichikawa, both of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation (SPF). The occasion began with a colorful and exciting group photo session for all the Fellowship students, in front of the WMU building. This energized everyone towards attending and being part of the orientation exercise, and students that had not met before took this opportunity to informally introduce each other, after which they all calmly took their seats.

The opening remarks were presented by Mr. Kudo, Advisor of SPF. He conveyed Chairman Yohei Sasakawa's sincere gratitude and congratulations towards the students. Mr. Kudo welcomed the new students to the Sasakawa family, which has a network of more than five hundred members. He urged the new members to form strong bonds and keep communicating. Mr. Ichikawa talked about the WMU Sasakawa Fellowship Program, explaining basic information about the Program and its relationship with The Nippon Foundation and Japan Boat Race.

A few students from the Class of 2015 gave short presentations on the five specialization courses from their point of view (Maritime Training & Education; Law & Policy; Safety &



Environment Administration; Port Management; Shipping Management & Logistics). They also shared their various experiences while studying at the university. This was well received, as it gave the new students a better feel about what to expect over the following fourteen months. One exciting experience that all the senior students cherished was the Field Study Trip to Japan. Afterwards, each student from both years introduced themselves by name, country of origin, course undertaking, affiliation or the organization they work for and their resolution.

Towards the end of the gathering, there was a plenary session on future networking, led by the Chair, Mr. Juma, and the Secretary, Mr. Koga. The students discussed the sustainability of Sasakawa Fellows networking, how to build and maintain the network. All students clearly

agreed that Facebook was the best platform from which to network, and that the established Facebook page should be limited to two academic years (2015/2016; 2016/2017, etc.). This will make it easier to get to know everyone and keep in touch. Each group will be administered by the older students, and a focal point will be nominated. The posts should be about professional and personal milestones achieved, which will help all involved to contribute professionally or congratulate each other on their achievements.

Finally, the students attended a Reception at the World Bistro, along with WMU academic and non-academic staff, and WMU President, Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry, who was very grateful for the wonderful efforts of SPF. The Reception was held in a very friendly manner, and students were able to freely discuss and share views on a personal level, while creating bonds. The gathering ended with closing remarks from Ms. Christine Pauline Diciano, who talked about memorable experiences, adventures, and lessons learned. On behalf of all the Sasakawa Fellowship students, she expressed our deep gratitude to SPF for their relentless efforts to sponsor students and make the world a better place to live in for us and future generations.



Working Together for Safe Carriage of Cargo and Containers



Hui Xie (China, 2001)

Fourteen years have passed quickly since I graduated from WMU in 2001. After graduation, I worked at the China Maritime Safety Administration, as the Permanent Representative of China to IMO. Now I am the Director for International Affairs at the same Administration, and for IMO I am the Chairman of the Subcommittee of Carriage of Cargo and Containers (CCC).

When organizing or attending international conferences and meetings on maritime affairs, I always see many WMU graduates, and this relationship brings everyone closer in an atmosphere of friendship, which is most needed for maritime cooperation, international in nature. As the Director for International Affairs, I work in many programs of cooperation for maritime development, international and regional, and I find that I do really enjoy very good friendships with Sasakawa Fellows, WMU graduates and many other colleagues from different countries, which brings success to all programs.

Friendships and cooperation help find solutions to many complex issues, as I have realized in my role of Chairman of the CCC. The Subcommittee provides regulations on the safe carriage of cargoes, solid bulk cargo, containerized cargo, gas carriers, even gas as fuel, in order to ensure that cargo can safely arrive at the port of destination. In my view the CCC Subcommittee is the most important and relevant technical body for maritime seaborne trade. All the major raw materials powering the world's economy, such as iron ore, coal, etc., are transported by bulk carriers, and the CCC Subcommittee developed the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargo Code (IMSBC Code) to support the safe carriage of these cargoes. Since container shipping is the most modern, efficient and vital means of transport for millions of types of commodities, our lives and world economy cannot continue without it. The Subcommittee deals with the Convention on Safe Containers, packing of containers, transport of dangerous goods by containers, securing of containers onboard ships, etc., to make sure containers do not fall overboard, catch fire and explode, endanger the lives of seafarers and port workers or endanger the safety of the container ships.

Since LNG, as a clean source of energy, has become attractive to the maritime industry, the Subcommittee has a new responsibility to develop the International Code of Safety for Ships using Gases or other Low-flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code) for using LNG as a fuel onboard ships, as well as other new types of

energy, fuel cells, hydrogen, ethyl and methyl alcohol. This is a very exciting area, bringing world class experts on new energy, engine technology, etc., to the CCC Subcommittee to develop modern and green regulations for the maritime industry.

The above are typical examples of the Subcommittee's activities. As Chairman I have had fantastic experiences working with top experts all over the world. Just like a big family, they argue a lot in the meeting room, but they are good friends afterwards. I feel very lucky to count them as friends and colleagues, and I do hope that more WMU alumni join the family of the CCC Subcommittee.

Working in the field of international affairs, I see a stronger need for cooperation in the maritime sector, which is a fundamental infrastructure for global, regional and national economic development. I am looking forward to meeting many Sasakawa Fellows and WMU graduates and continue our friendships with a view to building stronger ties towards stronger maritime cooperation in the future.



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Investigators of Vessel Traffic Service Enthusiastically Welcomed

Yamuna Wettasinghe (Sri Lanka, 1999)



In early June, I was happy to hear the voice of Mr. Kudo, calling me to say that my old friend Ikeda-san would be visiting Sri Lanka to lend Japanese wisdom in radar, AIS, Communications and VTS to the Maritime Surveillance project that the Sri Lankan government is pushing forward.

On June 29, 2015, a few Sasakawa Fellows

gathered in Colombo to meet very special friends from Japan. It was a very joyous and meaningful occasion. The city hotel was the ideal place, and everything was perfectly arranged. Although the Ikeda Team had a long meeting with the Ministry of Port and Shipping, Sri Lanka Ports Authority, Department of Sri Lanka Coast Guard, Sri

Lanka Navy, and Sri Lanka Air Force, he still managed to coordinate an Ice-Breaking Party and gave us a comfortable communication session prior to meeting with us.

Mr. Samantha, Mr. Gamini, Mr. Jagath and Mr. Manjula represented the Sri Lanka Sasakawa Fellows, while Tamotsu Ikeda, Mr. Chiaki Akiyama, Mr. Katsutoshi Ashida and Mr. Keiichi Nakashima came from Japan with traditional Japanese sweets. We were especially happy to have Mr. Mototsugu Shigekawa and Mr. Toyoteru Doi from the Japanese Embassy of Sri Lanka join us, as well as my husband, who participated by telephone.

Being the only female, I was especially proud and thankful to everyone, particularly Mr. Kudo, who initiated the meeting.

Gathering Together: WMU Graduates and their Families



Nguyen Hai Nam
(Viet Nam, 2002)

Since the first meeting of nearly all Vietnamese WMU graduates and Sasakawa Fellows (28 people at that time) in Hai Phong in December, 2003, when the Vietnamese Chapter of WMU graduates was adopted together with action plans for future activities, we have had little opportunity to bring everyone together due to the great distance between the North and South, as well as our busy lifestyles.

When I moved from Hai Phong to Ho Chi Minh City in March 2003, WMU graduates there had meetings nearly every month, although normally there were only 4-5 families attending. We usually just sat together somewhere and recalled the time when we lived and studied in Malmö, sharing work and life experiences, and thinking about our network. However, sometimes we would meet more frequently if a WMU Professor or graduate was visiting. In May 2003, when Professor Hikima was dispatched by JICA to VIMARU to work on a project on weekends, eight WMU graduates,

including myself, welcomed him and went to the Mekong River on an exciting one-day visit.

From 2006 to 2013, we were so happy to meet with Mr. Sasakawa three times when he visited Vietnam. The first time was on April 1, 2006, in Hai Phong, to attend the 50th Anniversary Ceremony of Vietnam Maritime University. Twelve Sasakawa Fellows attended and then met with Mr. Sasakawa and Mr. Kudo. The second time was on October 31, 2010, when fourteen Sasakawa Fellows had a chance to meet Mr. Sasakawa in Ha Noi. Unfortunately, I could not go, as I had to take care of my son in the hospital. The third time was a very special occasion, when Mr. Sasakawa came on an official visit on January 28, 2013, and was presented with the Friendship Medal by our Vice President in recognition of his

great contributions to Vietnam since 1992. Twelve Sasakawa Fellows attended the meeting together with other Fellowship students funded by The Nippon Foundation. Afterwards, Sasakawa Fellows and WMU graduates enjoyed dinner together.

In 2013, WMU celebrated its 30th Anniversary. Vietnamese WMU graduates also wanted to honor this special occasion, so we decided to hold a ceremony in Da Nang city, in the middle of Vietnam, on June 1. Ten WMU graduates and their families from the North to the South got together for the first time ever. The gathering began with a photo slideshow of our time at WMU, and then we sang the WMU song, followed by us giving presents to our children, as it happened to be International Children's Day. At the end, we all expressed our sincere thanks to WMU as well as to The Nippon Foundation for supporting us at WMU, and we decided to try and hold this kind of meeting annually.

In 2014 and again in 2015, we got together again in Vung Tau - in the South - and Vinh Phuc - in the North, although the number of graduates and families was not as much as in 2013. However, we will keep gathering like this until it becomes a tradition.

We get together not to have a party, but to try to help and support each other, share happiness and sadness, like the slogan of The Nippon Foundation, "Share the Pain, Share the Hope, Share the Future."

In the next Newsletter I will be back with another article: Reunion of WMU Graduates around the world.



New Members of WMU Sasa

21 new Sasakawa Fellowship Students in the class of 2016 joined the WMU Academic Program in the middle of September, 2015. These students are experts in their own right and are expected to excel in their chosen maritime courses under the stringent supervision of the best experts in the world in the maritime field. Upon the completion of their course, their new knowledge and skills shall contribute further to enhance their countries' community.



Rajib Chowdhury

Terminal Officer, Traffic
Chittagong Port Authority

I am confident that WMU will help me develop my skills to the highest order with the newest innovative ideas & theories in this field. I will use this knowledge to maximize port productivity using available resources, capacity building to tackle service-related issues, and adopt concise port policies and strategies that can be applied in the long term, which will lead my organization and my country on an upward trend.

Bangladesh
S16056 (PM)



Hossameldin Bakr Mohamed

Lecturer, Nautical Department, College of Maritime Transport & Technology,
Arab Academy for Science and Technology and Maritime Transport (AASTMT)

By joining WMU I'm looking forward to gaining new knowledge in maritime transport and its related economics and better understanding Port Management to assist and support my country in the mega projects of Suez canal ports in the near future, as well as to pass on the gained knowledge to my students at AASTMT.

Egypt
S16058 (PM)



Md Masud Mia

Assistant Manager, Secretariat
Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC)

Since being welcomed at WMU, my aim has been to gather knowledge about contemporary maritime issues. My goals, upon completing my MSc, are to apply all my acquired resources to a challenging professional field and share my knowledge with the people around me. Simultaneously, my purpose is to work together with them to build a sustainable maritime nation and world.

Bangladesh
S16012 (SML)



Afif Amrullah

Assistant Surveyor, Statutory Division
PT Biro Klasifikasi Indonesia (Indonesian Classification Bureau)

I would like to gain valuable knowledge and experience regarding education in maritime framework during my studies at WMU. I will apply the knowledge obtained to enhance the human resources development in our organization, both in designing the curriculum and participating as a trainer. I will also maintain a network for successful communication between organizations in the future.

Indonesia
S16007 (MET)



Germain Jessugnon Ahissou

Chief of Maritime Safety Division, Directorate of the Merchant Marine
Ministry of Maritime Transports and Ports Infrastructures

I promise to use the knowledge gained at WMU to help the Benin Maritime Organization through my expertise by developing new strategies to fight against maritime piracy, marine accidents, and environmental pollution, as well as highlight the importance of women in maritime affairs for the benefit of my country.

Benin
S16005 (MSEA)



SYAFI UDDIN

Surveyor and Auditor, Survey Division
Biro Klasifikasi Indonesia (BKI)

I would like to use the knowledge, experiences and networks obtained during my studies at WMU to enhance safety and prevention of marine pollution awareness in my country through my work in my organisation. I will also actively contribute to the efforts of upgrading the status of my country at the international level (Tokyo MoU list).

Indonesia
S16015 (MSEA)



Phicheyrithy Sich

Chief Officer, Merchant Marine Department
Ministry of Public Works and Transport

During my studies at WMU, I would like to learn how to efficiently apply maritime logistics services, including national maritime and shipping legal frameworks. After successful graduation from WMU in the SML specialization, I want to share my experience and knowledge in logistics and supply chains to help in the development of my country.

Cambodia
S16014 (SML)



Koki Matsushima

2nd Navigation Officer and Instructor of Training Ship
National Institute for Sea Training

Studying at WMU is a great opportunity for me to advance my knowledge in the maritime field. Especially in my specialization, MET, I would like to learn how to manage the maritime education system in my country. Moreover, I will build good relationships with classmates, and I would like to contribute to the international maritime society with them.

Japan
S16011 (MET)



Sokhdara Srey

Deputy Chief / Assistant Director General
Merchant Marine Department, General Department of Transport
Ministry of Public Works and Transport

I am looking for an opportunity to gain new ideas, knowledge, and experiences related to Port Management from regional and international development. When I graduate, I will go back to my workplace and bring with me what I have learned to help raise the performances of the ports in Cambodia to better meet regional and international standards.

Cambodia
S16062 (PM)



Tomotsugu Noma

Official, Maritime Bureau
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

I look forward to obtaining essential knowledge about maritime affairs regarding maritime safety and the environment. WMU students come from many countries, so I will be able to learn about other cultures. Also, I would like to make friends from different backgrounds. All aspects that I gain at WMU will be helpful in my life and future work.

Japan
S16025 (MSEA)

Sasakawa Fellowship, Class of 2016

 <p>Japan S16013 (MEOM)</p>	<p>Kazuya Shintani Staff, Education and Training Division, Administration Department Japan Coast Guard</p> <p>I have two goals at WMU. Firstly, I would like to learn both theoretical and practical knowledge here. I know that WMU is the best place to learn about the maritime field. Secondly, I also want to establish a strong human network. After graduating from WMU, I hope to continue this useful network, and contribute to the maritime field.</p>	 <p>Philippines S16061 (MLP)</p>	<p>Rodolfo John Paul III Castillo Palattao Director Department of Transportation and Communications</p> <p>As I embark on this journey of learning I look forward to obtaining a deeper understanding of maritime administration, especially on public and private maritime law, international legal frameworks and policy formulation. With my newly acquired knowledge and multi-cultural experience from WMU, I intend to help my organization improve and develop a sustainable maritime industry for my country.</p>
 <p>Jordan S16006 (PM)</p>	<p>Anas Saleh Mohammad Alamoush Operation Officer, Operation Department Jordan Navy</p> <p>Growing maritime challenges in the Red Sea and worldwide necessitate amendments to existing procedures, legislations and processes, and effective implementation towards safer, secure and cleaner seas and oceans. Post graduation, as a Naval Officer, my priority would be to take back the knowledge gained at WMU to bring about positive changes in the maritime domain for effective SAR, anti-piracy measures, effective surveillance for ports, pollution, and to train my superiors. And of course, to make friends and an international network.</p>	 <p>Sudan S16055 (PM)</p>	<p>Islam Babkir Hassan Abudarag Port State Control / Sea Pilot, Sudanese Maritime Administration Sudanese Sea Ports Corporation</p> <p>First, I want to gain strong fundamental knowledge in the maritime industry by discussing all aspects with expert professors. Second, when I go back home I will share all this knowledge and experience with my colleagues and senior staff. Third, I will assist in the development of my maritime sector and offer advice to all related sectors.</p>
 <p>Kenya S16059 (MET)</p>	<p>Henry Mwasaru Human Resource Officer, Corporate Support Services Kenya Maritime Authority</p> <p>I would like to learn how to develop and accredit my country's maritime curriculum, align the Human Capital strategy to the Administration's strategy and adhere to international maritime conventions. I would like to play an active role in the development of maritime education and training policies for stakeholders in line with International Maritime Conventions and encourage young people to embrace maritime knowledge.</p>	 <p>Thailand S16063 (PM)</p>	<p>Ud Tuntivejakul Port Operations Officer, Port Operations Division Port Authority of Thailand</p> <p>I hope to gain as much maritime knowledge from WMU as I can and also to make friends and global connections in terms of port, shipping and maritime-related business. My expectation after graduation is to create maritime innovations in order to maximize profits of maritime business and logistics, enhance global connections and create opportunities to increase national interests.</p>
 <p>Morocco S16010 (MLP)</p>	<p>Fatima Zahra El Marzouki Jurist in charge of regulations and authorizations Department of Engineering of Aquaculture Projects, Service of Regulations and Authorizations, National Agency for Development of Aquaculture</p> <p>My objectives are clear. Through my studies at WMU, I aim to develop skills and know-how on both theoretical and practical sides. I aim to enhance my foresight on the maritime issues in my country and its partners. I intend to make it benefit from the high standard qualifications that I am about to acquire within the coming months.</p>	 <p>Vietnam S16060 (MSEA)</p>	<p>Van Tan Nguyen Officer, Maritime Safety and Inspection Division Maritime Administration of Ho Chi Minh City - VINAMARINE</p> <p>Finishing the MSEA course at WMU, I will make use of my newly gained knowledge and understanding to improve maritime safety, maritime security and environmental protection in Vietnam. Besides this, I will assist the Administration in implementing all maritime legal documents which we have ratified, as well as forming Vietnam maritime legislation to achieve national interests and the IMO's and ILO's aim to integrate Vietnam into the Global maritime development progress.</p>
 <p>Peru S16008 (MSEA)</p>	<p>Nora Marcela Benavides Luna Lieutenant Commander Navy of Peru</p> <p>This is a great opportunity for me to improve my knowledge in Maritime Safety and Environmental Administration, and it is an honor to represent my country at the World Maritime University. I'm also looking forward to sharing with people from 47 countries, who in the future will all be working in the maritime field.</p>	 <p>Vietnam S16016 (MSEA)</p>	<p>Huyen Thi Vu Lecturer, Science - Technology, Research & Development Department Ho Chi Minh City University of Transport</p> <p>As a lecturer, after graduation from WMU, I will wholeheartedly transfer updated knowledge and valuable skills I acquire at WMU to my students and my colleagues. Moreover, I will do my best to play a role as a link between my organization and maritime professionals all over the world, and especially between WMU, the Sasakawa Fellows, and my country.</p>
 <p>Philippines S16057 (MSEA)</p>	<p>Wynchester Conde Florentino Former Commander, Coast Guard Station Port State Control Manila (CGSPSCM), Philippine Coast Guard, Coast Guard District National Capital Region-Central Luzon, Philippine Coast Guard</p> <p>Learning at the prestigious World Maritime University is such a noble opportunity to acquire knowledge and expertise with a global perspective in Maritime Safety and Environmental Administration. Upon completion of my MSc program, I am committed to transferring the acquired knowledge to my colleagues and utilizing it to serve our organization in pursuing its goal to have a secure, safer and cleaner maritime environment. Further, I shall uphold the vision of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation to have a better relationship, networking and coordination amongst the Sasakawa Fellows around the globe.</p>	<p>Specialization Courses</p> <p>MET: Maritime Education & Training MLP: Maritime Law & Policy MSEA: Maritime Safety & Environmental Administration PM: Port Management SML: Shipping Management & Logistics MEOM: Marine Environmental & Ocean Management</p>	

Not Only at Home, but also Overseas...

Jesús A. Menacho Piérola (Perú, 2010)



After graduation in 2010, the Navy deployed me as the Commander of a coastguard ship for two years, and after that, I was moved, as Harbour Master, to the Captaincy of Port of Puerto Maldonado, on the River "Madre de Dios" (Mother of God), in the Peruvian Jungle. Those were tough times because I was commanding the Coastguards Corps, fighting against illegal mining, performing authority and law enforcement in the fluvial scope, quite far away from home and family.

But time flies, and since March 2015, I have been designated as Assistant Naval and Defence Attaché in the Diplomatic Mission at the Embassy of Peru in

Singapore and Indonesia, and also International Liaison Officer at the Information Fusion Centre (IFC) of the Republic of Singapore Navy.

As the Assistant Attaché, I serve as advisor to H.E. the Peruvian Ambassador, belonging to the Diplomatic Corps accredited in Singapore. In addition, the IFC is the regional maritime information hub, to enhance maritime situation awareness and provide early warning triggers. It is a multinational regional Maritime Security Centre.

Another one of my duties is attending conferences and seminars related to Maritime Affairs, as was the case of the 2nd Port Management Programme at Maritime and Port Authority Academy in Singapore, where I met Gus Rional (Indonesia, 2011), currently Assistant Deputy Director (Port and Dredging) at Directorate General of Sea Transportation in Indonesia.

But the biggest surprise was that during that course, we attended the Ferry Rescue Exercise (FEREX 2015) at Tanah Merah Ferry Terminal, where we met Damrongkiat Kiatopas (Thailand, 2011), who works at Marine Department of Thailand; and Baigalmaa Damba (Mongolia, 2012), working for the Mongolian Maritime Administration. It is incredible meeting four Sasakawa Fellows from different countries and from three consecutive WMU Classes!!

There is no doubt that being a WMU graduate is a great advantage when working within the Maritime Industry, having the best Maritime-related network, and meeting again with classmates, colleagues, friends, and especially, Sasakawa Fellows.

Twice Endowed! Sasakawa Fellows at SIRC - Nippon Fellows Event

Carolyn Graham (Jamaica, 2008)



It was a pleasure to see a few Sasakawa Fellows at the Seafarers International Research Centre (SIRC) - Nippon Fellows Alumni Event 2015. The three of us, twice sponsored by The Nippon Foundation, got a chance to meet each other, Dr. Xue Conghua and I, for the first time. To the left, Dr. Mohab Abou-Elkawam (Egypt, 2003), recently graduated from Cardiff University. His PhD thesis examined Seafarers and Growing Environmental Concerns: Compliance Levels and the Possibilities of Governance. He is currently a Senior Lecturer at Liverpool John Moores University in England. His major area of teaching is Maritime Law, and he is focusing his research interests on the interaction between Seafarers worldwide and marine environmental legislations and conventions.

To the right is Dr. Conghua Xue (China, 2003), who graduated from Cardiff University in 2012. His PhD topic focused on Communication and its Role in Influencing Shipboard Occupational Health and Safety Management in Chinese Shipping. Conghua is an associate professor at the Nantong Shipping College in China. His research interests lie in safety management in shipping, maritime English and maritime education.

As for me, I completed the first phase of the programme, gaining a post-graduate diploma in Social Sciences Research Methods, with distinction. I have since completed one year of the PhD and am now entering the second year, conducting field work. My research surrounds the theory and practice of regulating workers' voice in occupational health and safety at sea. It specifically examines the mandatory provision in the Maritime Labour Convention 2006 for the involvement of seafarers' representatives in health and safety programmes on board, and how this translates into practice, given the nature and organization of work at sea.

The SIRC - Nippon Fellows Alumni Event is an important meeting space for past and current Nippon sponsored PhDs to give updates on their career progress, share ideas and form collaborations on research and writing projects, continuing their valuable contributions to the maritime industry. We look forward to a continuation of this event as we aim to build research resources to impact policy and decision making relevant to the critical social conditions impacting shipping.

A New Child, A New World

Thang Dinh Nguyen (Vietnam, 2013)



It is almost 2 years since I left WMU, and we are pleased to announce that our family has contributed to the increase of the birthrate in Vietnam with the birth of our daughter.

Unlike our five-year-old son, the way we are feeding her has changed. From what we have seen in Sweden, we have decided to let her enjoy eating and even let her feed herself instead of trying to force her to eat. Traditionally, children were fed as much as possible whenever their parents wanted. Even if they didn't feel like eating, parents tried by any means to make them do so and were very happy when their child finished a bowl of soup or a bottle of milk.

With the new way of feeding, we found that our daughter always looks forward to her meal time and is very happy sitting at the table. Today, she is going to be 7 months old. She can sit by herself, crawl very fast and can even walk with our support.

It is a small change for us, but we believe that it may have a big effect on our daughter when she can do what she likes and can grow up independently. With this new generation, we are sure that they will contribute more to the development of our country in the future. However, I need to work harder from now on to raise my growing family.

Editor's note

On April 1, 2016, the Marine Technical Education Agency (MTEA), the seamen's training institute that I belong to, will merge with the National Institute for Sea Training (NIST), which uses training vessels. The new institution, Maritime Education & Training (MET), will be headquartered in Yokohama.

I believe that the integration of the two organizations will enable us to provide more efficient seamen's education at a higher level. As securing and educating

outstanding seaman is a common issue worldwide in marine shipping - which provides the most cargo transport in the world - we are confident that we will lead the world in mariner education through further international activities.

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