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## WMU New Building Inaugurated

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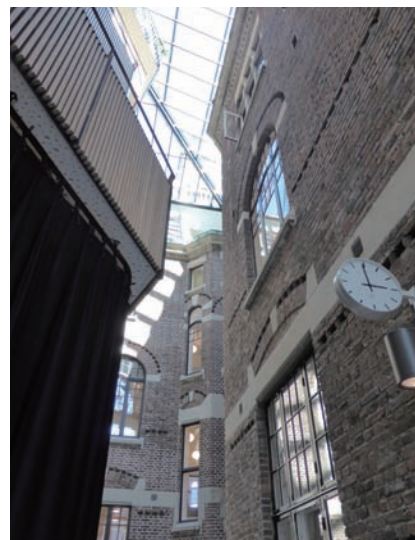
**State-of-the-art facilities for the World Maritime University (WMU), including the new Sasakawa Auditorium, were inaugurated on May 19. The celebrations included a gathering of distinguished speakers and invitees from around the globe, and WMU was honored to welcome WMU Chancellor and IMO Secretary-General, Mr. Koji Sekimizu, and Dr. Yohei Sasakawa, Chairman of The Nippon Foundation.**

The official ribbon was cut by Mr. Sekimizu together with Mr. Erik Bromander, State Secretary to the Minister for Infrastructure, Ministry for Enterprise of Sweden, and Ms. Katrin Stjernfeldt-Jammeh, Chairman of the Malmö City Executive Board. Inside the building, Dr. Sasakawa, Mr. Sekimizu, and

WMU President Designate, Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry, cut the ribbon to declare open the new Sasakawa Auditorium.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Sekimizu noted the significant growth of the University programmes beyond the original M.Sc. to now include a Ph.D. programme, multiple post-graduate diploma programmes, customized professional development courses, a significant research portfolio, and conferences on current maritime topics. He stated, "The new premises mark a historical milestone in the relations between Malmö and the University and will provide the forum for the University to continue growing and meeting the educational needs of the maritime sector."

Mr. Sekimizu stated that the University's growth over the coming decades would be







Sasakawa Auditorium - ribbon cutting

shaped by the evolving shipping industry, and that several new strategic directions, outlined in a study for the financial sustainability of the university, would be key to its growth. The draft study was approved by the WMU Board of Governors in May and presented to the IMO Council in June. Among the strategic directions are the expansion of the WMU scope to include ocean-related matters, and the establishment of a Maritime and Ocean Policy Research Institute within WMU; strengthening the University's research function for maritime policy and ocean subjects; exploring new mechanisms of collaboration with national maritime universities and with the International Association of Maritime Universities; exploring further collaboration with activities of IMO Headquarters in the field of Technical Cooperation; and establishment of an Endowment Fund.

Dr. Sasakawa then addressed the distinguished gathering. The Nippon Foundation, through the Sasakawa Peace Foundation, is the largest fellowship donor to the University and further supports the capacity building mission of WMU by sponsoring three Professorial Chairs, an Assistant Professor, and provides support for numerous conferences and events connected with WMU. In his remarks, Dr. Sasakawa voiced his support for an expanded oceans-related agenda for WMU stating, "It is my wish for WMU to keep moving forward to establish itself as an educational and research institution that can address ocean issues from not just the maritime but the greater oceanic field." In support of that goal, he announced extended annual support for the University and the establishment of a special endowment fund of US\$100 million.

Remarks on behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Ban Ki-moon, were delivered by Mr. Vladimir Ryabinin, Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission and Assistant Director General of UNESCO. The importance of the seas and oceans to everyday life was emphasized, noting that the new facilities

"will enable the World Maritime University to make an even stronger contribution in the years ahead to the welfare of society, the protection, preservation and wise management of the oceans and for the achievement of the emerging post-2015 development agenda."

Representing the host country of Sweden, Mr. Bromander remarked on Sweden's support for technical cooperation, particularly in regard to sustainable shipping, and that Sweden is proud to host the University. From the City of Malmö, Ms. Stjernfeldt-Jammeh spoke of the transition of Malmö over the last three decades from a homogeneous, industrial city to an international one. "With residents from over 175 countries, the demographics of Malmö reflect those of the graduates of WMU, and today the City is a knowledge-based economy," she stated. She noted that the historic Harbour Master's Building played an important maritime role in Malmö's history, and that now, "it will return to an important maritime role, but now not only for Malmö, but for the world... We are proud to have such an important institution in the heart of the city center."

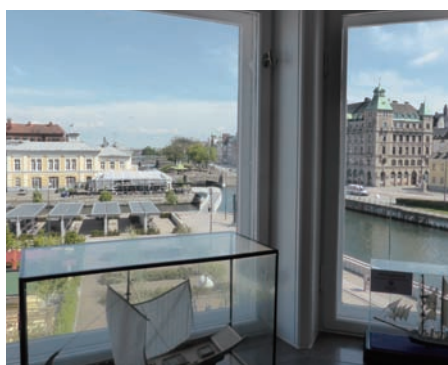
Closing remarks were delivered by Dr. Doumbia-Henry, who will take up her post as President of the University in July. She remarked on her commitment to a global maritime sector in which policy and governance are based on the international Conventions of the IMO and the related Conventions of the ILO. "To implement these Conventions effectively requires an educated and sophisticated global network, which is



where WMU can contribute to the worldwide health and sustainability of the oceans, seas, and shipping industry," she stated. "As WMU continues to support and advance these critical initiatives, the University will strengthen partnerships with Governments, shipping industry actors, and all UN agencies that deal with ocean issues... Within these extraordinary new premises, WMU will bring together maritime professionals from around the globe to advance the maritime and oceans capacity-building goals of IMO within the spirit of the United Nations."

The new facilities of almost 6,000 square meters have essentially doubled WMU's floor space, offering immense opportunities to support the growth of the University with a new auditorium, multiple research labs, seminar rooms, and video-conferencing facilities. The WMU library, which houses an exceptional collection of maritime titles, has quadrupled in size, and vital collaborative spaces for students and faculty are located throughout the building.

The landmark Old Harbour Master's Building was generously provided by the City of Malmö as the new home of WMU. Through an architectural competition, the City selected a dramatic extension wing completed by the renowned Danish architect Kim Utzon in collaboration with Australian architect Tyrone James Cobcroft of Cobcroft Architects. The new extension is a bold architectural statement that serves as an "urban hinge" between the historic city and the docklands. It responds to surrounding contemporary developments to the west and north, while the historic building remains a significant part of the city's historic fabric to the east and south.



# MET Symposium Marks Inauguration of New WMU Building

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After thirty-two years at the old WMU address, the University moved to new premises in April, and on May 19, 2015, the impressive new facilities were inaugurated. Gathered in Malmö for this auspicious event were the IMO Secretary-General and WMU Chancellor, Mr. Koji Sekimizu, Mr. Erik Bromander, State Secretary to the Minister for Infrastructure, Ministry for Enterprise of Sweden, Ms. Katrin Stjernfeldt-Jammeh, Chairman of the Malmö City Executive Board, Dr. Yohei Sasakawa, Chairman of The Nippon Foundation and (at the time) WMU President-Designate Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry, among many other distinguished guests and well-wishers. The events were held in WMU's new Sasakawa Auditorium, named in recognition of the generous support of Dr. Sasakawa and The Nippon Foundation to the University since 1987.

The Inauguration Ceremony was followed over two days by a Symposium on Maritime Education and Training in its broad sense. Keynote speakers were Mr. Sekimizu, Dr. Doumbia-Henry and Professor Olof Lindén of WMU.

*The first session* of the Symposium began with introductory remarks by Professor Larry Hildebrand, after which a panel of speakers discussed the challenges and opportunities of Educating Tomorrow's Maritime and Ocean leaders. They included Vladimir Ryabinin (Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission), Anne Christine Brusendorff (General Secretary, International Council for the Exploration of the Sea), Stefan Micallef (Director, Marine Environment Division, IMO), Johan Röstin (Chief Executive Officer, Copenhagen Malmö Port), Ted Bågfælt (Head of Academy, Kalmar Maritime Academy, Linnaeus University), Carl Gustaf Lundin (Director, International Union for Conservation of Nature), Claes Berglund (Director, Public Affairs & Sustainability, Stena AB) and Lahsen Ababouch, (Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, FAO). The panel agreed on the need to place much more emphasis on the protection of the marine environment and for collaboration between

research and practical interventions. This session was excellently moderated by Mr. Michael Grey, eminent columnist and former Editor of Lloyd's List and Fairplay.

*The second session* (chaired by Associate Professor Michael Manuel and Assistant Professor Lisa Froholdt) was on Sustainable MET: History, Contemporary Issues and Future Scenarios. This session focused on the more traditional meaning of MET, that is the education, training, assessment and certification of seafarers. Speakers for the session included: Brad Groves (Chairman of the HTW Subcommittee of IMO), Ismail Abdel Ghafar Ismail Farag (Professor and President, Arab Academy for Science, Technology & Maritime Transport), Glenn Blackwood (President, Fisheries and Marine Institute of Memorial University of Newfoundland and Chairman of the International Association of Maritime Universities), Luis G. Evidente (Captain and Administrator, representing Mary Lou Lacson Arcelo, Chairperson, John B. Lacson, Foundation Maritime University in the Philippines) and Kevin Slade (Director, Northern Marine & Chair of UK Merchant Navy Training Board). The speakers explored the history of MET, discussed current challenges including the attractiveness of seafaring as a career and the requirements of the current international legislative and administrative regime for seafarer education and training. They were then joined by Toshio Hikima (Professor and President of Marine Technical College/Marine Technical Education Agency of Japan) and Mike Barnett (Professor and Associate Director, Warsash Maritime Academy of Southampton Solent University), for a lively panel discussion moderated by Associate Professor Clive Cole on the strategies that should characterise optimum MET in the context of contemporary and evolving maritime issues.

*The third session*, chaired by Professors Daniel Moon and Aykut Ölçer, discussed broad Contemporary Maritime Issues. Insightful deliveries were made by invited speakers, including Kimberly Karlshøj (Head of International Transport Federation Seafarers'

Trust), Nicolaos Charalambous (Director of Technical Co-operation Division, IMO), Pamela Tansey (Senior Deputy Director of Technical Co-operation Division, IMO), David Patraiko (Director Projects, the Nautical Institute) and Rolf Skjong (Director/Chief Scientist, International Regulatory Affairs, DNVGL – Maritime). Professor Jens-Uwe Schröder-Hinrichs moderated a panel discussion on how higher education and research organizations should respond to emerging maritime issues.

Michael Grey, in his concluding remarks, reiterated the need for all stakeholders to ensure that MET moves in tandem with (and perhaps even ahead of) advances in the industry and wider environment: "We shouldn't be training people to run yesterday's ships in yesterday's environment". While acknowledging the progress that the industry has made in the areas of sustainability and efficiency, Mr. Grey further noted that contemporary discussions of MET issues should include the demand for better and more effective ocean governance.

*The Symposium* was an exciting and fruitful cap to the grand opening of the new building, which was accomplished through the warmth and generosity of the people of Malmö and Sweden. The new building has been called the "Urban Hinge" because of its dramatic combination of the old Harbourmaster's office, Tornhuset, and a new avant-garde addition, symbolizing the connection between the historic city centre and the new Malmö nearer the docklands. For WMU too, this is a hinge moment when it embraces a needed balance between the maritime education it has traditionally offered and a new focus on the oceans and their sustainability.

Over the two days of the Symposium, friends of WMU from all over the world gathered to wish WMU well as she sails into new oceans. With new premises, a new President and a new mission, this thirty-two year old ship is poised to sail on safely, no matter how the wind blows. Join me in wishing her well!





# Japan Field Study Trip in 2015

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## Saturday and Sunday May 9-10:

### The journey and arrival

22 excited students and one tense staff member meet at Triangeln station for the start of the long journey to Tokyo. What does the week ahead hold for us? Will we cope with chopsticks? (student concern!) Will everyone be on time for our appointments? (Lyndell's concern!) One thing we are sure of: the welcome from the Sasakawa Peace Foundation will be warm.

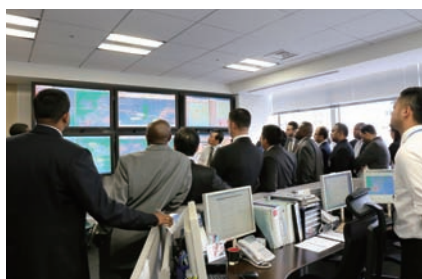
Sure enough, on arrival at Tokyo Narita airport after our long flight, we were welcomed by the smiles of Mr. Shinichi Ichikawa from SPF and Ms. Miyoko Wada, our tour guide for the week. And so it began, the counting of heads: ichi, ni, san, shi...

Arrival at the Shinagawa Prince Hotel was a delight. Firstly, because we were met by another smiling face, Mr. Eisuke Kudo, and also by a welcome buffet lunch served high up in the hotel with a stunning view over Tokyo. What a start to our week!

## Tokyo, Monday May 11: The BIG day



This day had been so carefully prepared for us. We spent the morning at the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), where Mr. Toshiya Morishige, Director General of Maritime Bureau welcomed us. Later, Mr. Takayuki Ikeda shared a lot of information with the students in answer to questions they had submitted in



advance, then Mr. Ali Juma gave some words of appreciation on the students' behalf. Lunch was followed by a visit to Mitsui O.S.K. Lines (MOL), and after that we were bussed to our much-anticipated visit to The Nippon Foundation and meeting with Dr. Yohei Sasakawa.

We were rather nervous waiting, but Dr. Sasakawa quickly put us at our ease. Each student introduced themselves and then Dr. Sasakawa gave an address outlining his philosophy on ocean research and philanthropy. Ms. Fatima Angeles spoke on behalf of the students, noting how they looked forward to making good use of the opportunities they had been given. The hour passed all too quickly.

A Welcome Reception was held that evening, and again the students and I were touched by the warm greetings of senior representatives of The Nippon Foundation and MLIT, WMU graduates, members of



the Tokyo diplomatic corps and local maritime industry representatives. Mr. Mukund Gujar delivered an address from the students, voicing the student perspective on their visit to Japan and their futures in the maritime industry. A particular highlight was a senior choir performing sea shanties with great gusto and skill. The WMU students were able to reciprocate with a spirited rendition of the WMU song, joined by the WMU graduates and by the senior choir. It was a very happy evening.

## Yokohama, Tuesday May 12



Tuesday morning was spent at the Japan Marine United Corporation Tsurumi Works, where we were given a very interesting tour of the shipyard. The students and I were very impressed by the range of construction in progress.

The afternoon we spent at the Japan Coast Guard Yokohama Maritime Disaster Prevention Base and later at Port of Yokohama. We were so interested to see this famous port and its facilities: a bonus was the tour of a Coast Guard vessel. Our day was made complete by a very pleasant boat tour of Port of Yokohama.





### Tochigi Pref., Yaita, Wednesday May 13

On Wednesday we travelled outside the city to visit TOKYO KEIKI INC. Yaita Works. We were greeted there with great warmth by the Tokyo Keiki staff and shown the manufacture of intricate instruments such as the gyrocompass – used so very often in marine navigation. Back in the meeting room, Mr. Kudo suggested we should sing the WMU song for the Tokyo Keiki staff: we were getting used to performing!

Travelling to Tokyo Keiki in Yaita also gave us a chance to see some of the countryside. When one is in such an urban environment as Tokyo, it is easy to forget that the majority of land in Japan is in fact covered by forest. Travelling through forest and green fields was such a contrast, and very refreshing.



### Tokyo to Kobe, Thursday May 14

Up early and off! We hurried to the railway station to catch the Shinkansen (bullet train) towards Kobe. Boarding the train is an art: precision of platform placement and swift embarkation are essential. No wonder our big suitcases had been sent ahead by bus! We enjoyed the train ride: wonderful views of beautiful Mt. Fuji and again the opportunity to see the countryside.



We alighted at Aioi station and visited “SPRING-8”, which is the world’s largest synchrotron radiation facility. The science was a little foreign to us, but we could understand that a very high level of research was carried out there. We were interested to see the use of this impressive facility by a wide range of companies and institutions.

Our day concluded with a visit to Himeji Castle. How beautiful! Set upon a hilltop in Hyogo Prefecture, the castle has been likened to a white heron. The graceful curves of its white roofs emerge from the surrounding gardens with such elegance. The Castle was listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1993, and when we saw it, a five-year renovation had just been completed. It is simply lovely.



### Kobe, Friday May 15

With two “academic” visits on the schedule, this day felt like coming home. Firstly we visited Marine Technical College where the welcome from former WMU Professor Toshio Hikima and his colleagues was hearty to say the least. It was interesting to see the campus and note the similarities (and differences) to WMU.

The afternoon was spent at Kobe University Graduate School of Maritime Sciences, where we listened to interesting presentations by PhD candidates.

We spent the evening as the guests of the Japan Ship Machinery and Equipment Association (JSMEA). Representatives of 9 companies were present, including the Nakashima Propeller Company – famous to WMU students for the propeller standing outside our new building. The event was successful and again, we were treated to fine hospitality. At Mr. Kudo’s suggestion, we thanked them by singing the WMU song...



### Kyoto, Kobe and away to Copenhagen, Saturday May 16



An early start was richly rewarded. We visited Kyoto, the former capital of Japan, full of historical interest. Our first visit was to Fushimi Inari Taisha where long rows of vermilion Shinto “gates” snake their way through the forest.

Second was a visit to Kiyomizu-dera Temple. Set in beautiful gardens, the traditional temple architecture was breath-taking. Many students queued to drink water that guarantees longevity. Others simply enjoyed strolling through the gardens, marvelling at the number of couples dressed in traditional Japanese kimonos. The market area outside the temple precinct was also of great interest for souvenir hunters!

Our final day concluded back in Kobe with a reception attended by many SPF friends and well-wishers. Diana Henry gave the farewell address on behalf of all the students, thanking everyone for a week that would live in our memories and hearts forever. Again, the WMU song!

Then for the last time, ...ichi, ni, san, shi... and we were on our way home.

Our heartfelt thanks for the generosity extended to us by The Nippon Foundation, MLIT, all our wonderful site hosts and most of all to Mr. Kudo, Mr. Ichikawa and Ms. Wada. Special thanks, too, to our own students Maki Tominaga and Sadaharu Koga for answering all our questions with such patience.

Arigato gozaimasu!



# IMO's World Maritime Day Parallel Event in Tokyo and Yokohama, Japan

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Japan had the privilege and honour to host the World Maritime Day Parallel Event in Tokyo on July 20 and in Yokohama on July 21, 2015. The event, focusing on this year's theme: "Maritime Education and Training", was jointly organized by IMO and Japan, attended by over 400 stakeholders from around the world, including high-level representatives from Member State governments, the diplomatic corps in Japan, the maritime/ocean related industries, academia and NGOs. The first day of the event marked a milestone commemorating the twentieth anniversary of the enactment of "Marine Day" as a Japanese national holiday. In order to have a joint celebration of the World Maritime Day Parallel Event and the national holiday, "Grand Opening of Marine Days 2015" took place prior to opening the Parallel Event. At the "Grand Opening", Mr. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan; Ms. Eriko Yamatani, Minister in charge of Ocean Policy of Japan; and Dr. Yohei Sasakawa, Chairman of The Nippon Foundation, made respective speeches. Subsequently, at the "World Maritime Day Parallel Event 2015 Opening Ceremony", Mr. Akihiro Ohta, Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) of Japan, and Mr. Koji Sekimizu, Secretary-General of IMO, welcomed all participants to the event in their remarks. Following that, the two-day international symposium was organized, at which six sessions were established in total, four discussion panels on the first day and two on the next. In each session, prominent speakers gave insights into, and discussed the theme from a

wide spectrum. Three WMU leaders attended as panelists: Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry, who just assumed the role of President of WMU in June, Mr. Glenn Blackwood, Chair of the IAMU and the Board of WMU, and Dr. Maximo Q. Mejia, Jr., Administrator of MARINA, Philippines, and a former Professor at WMU. The first panel, "Maritime Human Resources today", discussed current trends, future perspectives and challenges in education and training of maritime human resources. The second panel, "Human Resources related to the Seas and the Oceans", discussed the challenges of human resource development in order to ensure sustainable use of the seas and the oceans, in light of the growth and diversification of ocean-related activities in recent years, such as offshore exploration and marine research. "Education for Future Generations" discussed how to foster interest towards the seas and the oceans, consequently to attract and inspire young generations to maritime professions. And the fourth panel, "Next Steps in Education and Training", discussed the future direction of these issues. On the second day, a technical visit programme to Yokohama, one of Japan's major port cities, was offered to the participants. This programme included observing maritime heritage sites and witnessing demonstrations on practical on-board training for cadets. The participants spent over half a day visiting the historic sail training ship "Nippon Maru" at Yokohama Port Museum, Mitsubishi Minatomirai Industrial Museum, and two training ships "Taisei Maru" and "Kaiwo

Maru", which were moored at the Yokohama Port in order to join this Parallel Event. Then, the symposium resumed and Mr. Sekimizu presented a certificate of appointment as "the IMO Maritime Ambassador" to Capt. Shigeru Kojima and Capt. Yoshikazu Kamikubo, who were appointed and nominated by the Government of Japan. At the conclusion, Mr. Toshiya Morishige, Director General of Maritime Bureau, MLIT, expressed his sincere appreciation to all participants and speakers for fruitful discussions over the two days. As the output of the symposium, he proposed that participants deliver a message to the international community by consensus, reflecting the understanding and views they shared. "The Yokohama Declaration", which summarized discussions made at the symposium, was supported by all participants by acclamation. The declaration listed actions which should be promoted and developed, in order to ensure that the skills and competence of personnel afloat and onshore are adequately secured through effective maritime education and training. The Parallel Event closed with a passing the flag ceremony of the World Maritime Day Parallel Event from Japan to Turkey, which will be the host next year. Mr. Akihiro Nishimura, State Minister of MLIT handed over the flag to Capt. Ozkan Poyraz, Deputy Undersecretary, Ministry of Transportation Maritime and Communication of Turkey. In his speech, he congratulated Japan on a successful event and called for widespread participation for Turkey in 2016.



Sail Training on Kaiwo Maru



Attendants connected to WMU

More information on the 2015 World Maritime Day Parallel Event is available on its website  
<http://www.mlit.go.jp/en/maritime/worldmaritimeday2015.html>

# Shipping's Pivotal Role in Sustaining the World Economy and Fostering International Cooperation



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International shipping is an extraordinary business, especially when we consider that over 90% of the world's materials and goods are, at one time or another, carried by ships. Yet the general public is mostly unaware that almost everything they consume in their daily lives was once on board a seagoing ship. Tens of thousands of vessels move cargo safely and efficiently, 24 hours a day, every day of the year. Yet little or no thought is given to the fact that it requires the preparedness of skilled seafarers to serve the world's most important transportation system, often without shore leave and without seeing their families for months at the time.

Furthermore, every tonne of cargo moved thousands of miles on board a ship spawns a multitude of ancillary businesses and occupations. These range from port workers to land-based freight forwarders, road, rail and inland waterway transporters, the legal and insurance professions, and of course ship designers, builders, owners and managers, marine equipment manufacturers, and so on. All this activity stimulates economic development and growth. It also provides employment to many thousands of ordinary seamen and ships' officers, who are the backbone of the shipping industry as the prime carrier of world trade.

Shipping is truly global in nature, engaging countries around the world, each providing individual components that together make ocean transportation so cost effective. For example, a relatively small country such as Panama, which has a population of some 3.5 million and is tucked away in Central America, fulfils a core function in the global transportation chain in the form of the Panama Canal, which connects the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans and thereby shortens trade routes by thousands of miles. The construction of this unique, cross-isthmus water route through unforgiving terrain and under the constant threat of death from malaria and other tropical diseases was attempted by French companies at the turn of the 19th century and eventually completed by the United States in 1914. More than a hundred years on, the same Canal continues to provide an essential service to the world economy, under the able management of the Panama Canal Authority, which has funded the entire cost of some US\$5.6 billion to keep the Canal fit well into the 21st century. By early next year, a massively expanded Canal system, comprising huge new locks and channels capable of accommodating the increasing size of ships, will enter into operation.

Also noteworthy of course is the Suez Canal,

linking the Mediterranean and the Red Sea, of which the first construction dates back to the times of the Pharaohs, some four millennia ago. The Suez Canal Authority, too, has taken the necessary measures to allow the transit of bigger ships through an enlarged Canal in the service of world trade.

The global standards adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) for safe, secure, clean and efficient shipping provide an essential, harmonized regulatory regime. Without it, the smooth and efficient functioning of the global maritime transportation system would not be sustainable. Proper implementation of IMO standards is therefore of paramount importance, and this depends first and foremost on the availability of properly trained and qualified seafarers to operate ships in a safe and environmentally sound manner.

Today, there are many maritime training institutions and distance learning facilities around the world providing the opportunity for young people to acquire the necessary knowledge and skills. But, in the late 1970s, IMO recognised that there was a serious gap in maritime training programmes, especially in developing countries, which are the most important suppliers of maritime manpower. By way of example, the Philippines provide about a quarter of the seafarers for the world's merchant fleet. Thus, the then Secretary-General, Mr. C.P. Srivastava, conceived the idea of creating an IMO World Maritime University (WMU) which would concentrate on developing the skills of young people from these countries by providing a postgraduate MSC degree course in different maritime specialities, drawing on specialist personnel from the international community to teach the students.

Founded in 1983 and located in Malmö, Sweden, WMU is the most important, as well as the most successful, technical cooperation project ever developed by IMO, producing about 100 graduates every year. Many occupy high-level positions in government or in the shipping and maritime industries in their home countries and work tirelessly to support IMO's efforts for full and effective implementation of its many conventions, codes and other instruments. The IMO Council recently elected Mr. Ki-tack Lim, a WMU graduate from the Republic of Korea, to be the next Secretary-General, succeeding Mr. Koji Sekimizu from January 1, 2016, onwards.

The Government of Sweden and the City of Malmö have been consistent in their generosity

to provide excellent academic and housing facilities to WMU. In addition, financial support from various institutions and governments around the world has been vital for the University's successful development. The continuing funding provided by the Sasakawa Peace Foundation for professorships and student bursaries has enabled the University to function properly as a global educational and research centre and to provide graduates with recognized certificates for their future career development.

I have no doubt that the maritime world has been greatly enhanced by the devotion of the Foundation to ensuring that highly skilled professionals are available to support maritime activities, in particular in developing countries. It is my fervent wish that the close bond between the Foundation and WMU may continue to grow in strength. This will also be to the benefit of IMO's continuing efforts to retain its global standard-setting role for international shipping as the most dependable, safe, secure, environmentally sound and economical transportation system servicing all peoples of the world.

## **William A. O'Neil**

William A. O'Neil, of Canada, graduated from the University of Toronto with a degree in Civil Engineering in 1949. He then joined the Canadian Federal Department of Transport in Ottawa. When the Saint Lawrence Seaway Authority was established in 1954, he became one of the nucleus of engineers and subsequently became the Director of Construction in charge of all major engineering projects on the Seaway.

Mr. O'Neil resumed working for the Department of Transport in 1971, and in 1975 he was made the First Commissioner of the Coast Guard. In 1980 he was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of the Seaway Authority.

In 1972, Mr. O'Neil became involved with the International Maritime Organization as the Canadian Representative. He subsequently was elected Chairman of the IMO Council, a position he held from 1980 to 1990, when he became the Secretary-General of IMO. He was re-elected as Secretary-General several times until his retirement in December 2003.

Mr. O'Neil is currently in his retirement the Chairman of the Panama Canal Advisory Board and Advisor of Videotel Marine International Limited.



## Notice of Relocation of Offices

We hereby announce that we will commence business at our new offices as of September 24, 2015. Since the spring of 2012, the Sasakawa Peace Foundation has occupied temporary offices during reconstruction of the new building. The new premises have now been safely completed and our new address is in the right column. We sincerely look forward to your continued support and cooperation.

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## Ki-tack Lim Elected IMO Secretary-General

Mr. Ki-tack Lim (Republic of Korea) has been elected as the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization, with effect from January 1, 2016, for an initial term of four years. Mr. Lim is currently president of Busan Port Authority. He served as the Republic of Korea's Deputy Permanent Representative to IMO from 2006 to 2009 and was Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Flag State Implementation (FSI) from 2002 to 2004. He studied maritime administration with a major in navigation at the World Maritime University, graduating with a master's degree in 1991.



Photo: IMO

## Come See Dr. Sasakawa at the IMO Assembly!

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has decided to award the International Maritime Prize for 2014 to Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, Chairman of The Nippon Foundation.

Established in 1980, the International Maritime Prize is a prestigious international prize awarded to a person who has made a global contribution in areas such as the development of marine transportation and advances in

safety technology. The award ceremony is scheduled to take place at IMO Headquarters on November 23 at the venue of the IMO General Assembly. WMU Sasakawa Fellows who are planning to attend the Assembly as a delegate of your organization are asked to notify the Secretariat of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation ([wmu-japan@spf.or.jp](mailto:wmu-japan@spf.or.jp)).

## Delivery of New Courses at WMU

The last of five offerings of a Maritime Governance (MG) and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) course took place at WMU from July 20-24. Since 2014, the course has been delivered to 161 students, across specializations.

Through an agreement signed in 2013, funding for developing the courses was provided by the Danish Maritime Fund through the Danish Shipowners' Association and The Danish Maritime Authority. The courses combine theory and practice of MG and CSR in the maritime industry.

WMU professors involved:

Dr. Olof Linden, Professor, Director of Research; Professor Neil Bellefontaine, Vice President Academics; Dr. Aykut Ölçer, Professor, Director Post Graduate Diploma Energy Efficiency Management; Dr. Larry Hildebrand, Professor, Head Ocean and Environmental Management; Dr. Daniel Moon, Professor, Head Shipping Management & Logistics and Port Management; Dr. George Theodoridis, Adjunct Professor; Dr. Lisa L. Froholdt, Assistant Professor, Head CSR Research group, Project manager.

In addition, the reference group included:

MAGSAYSAY, Philippines, President Marlon R. Rono; STENA, Sweden, Head of Communication, Mr. Erik Lewenhaupt; Ecoflect, UK, Director Dr.

Anne Marie Warris; Dr. Yoshinobu Takei, Senior Legal Council with the UN Division for Ocean Affairs of the Law of the Sea (DOALOS) in New York; Dr. Ilias Visvikis, WMU, Professor, Director Executive Professional Development.

An exhibition was displayed in the WMU library with sustainability reports from maritime companies, e-books, research articles from internal and external academics, and search machines with links to aspects of MG and CSR.

Graciously funded by The Nippon Foundation, WMU arranged the Northern European Shipping CSR Symposium that took place on November 12, 2013, in Denmark, in cooperation with the Danish Shipowners' Association, Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO), Japan International Transportation Institute, and with 200 participants, the event highlighted the importance and benefits of CSR as part of business strategy for shipping companies.



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## Editor's note

I have had significant changes in my life these days. First of all, I transferred from the Japan PSC office of Maritime Bureau, MLIT, to my original training institute (National Institute for Sea Training) as a Coordinator for International Affairs in April, which is very challenging. Now I am in charge of IMO matters and international cooperation in terms of Maritime Education and Training (MET). Furthermore, next April, my training institute will merge with the Marine Technical Education Agency. I hope my job will be one of the pillars of Japanese MET activities, and I would like to contribute to "Safer Ships and Cleaner Oceans" not only in Japan but also internationally with my worldwide colleagues.

In addition, the theme of world maritime day 2015 is MET, as you may

know. The IMO parallel event of WMD took place in Tokyo and Yokohama in July 2015 in conjunction with Japanese Marine Day. I think MET is a very fundamental element for maritime safety, which has been especially focused on this year.

Five years have passed since I graduated from WMU, and I have come across many WMU alumni at IMO and international events. I am sure continuous, strong connections among the alumni is very important for the future.

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