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CONGRATULATIONS!

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Award Ceremony for Sasakawa Fellows, Saturday, November 1, 2014.

A long-standing tradition during WMU's "Graduation season" is the Award Ceremony hosted by the Ocean Policy Research Foundation (OPRF) for its graduating Fellows. This year the Ceremony was held, as usual, in the imposing "Fridhemsborg" mansion overlooking the Öresund with Copenhagen beyond: a fitting and dignified location for such an important occasion on Graduation Eve.

The Class of 2014 includes 22 students whose studies at WMU were funded through the generosity of The Nippon Foundation/OPRF. The students come from 16 different countries: Algeria, Bangladesh, Colombia, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, Liberia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Viet Nam. All were excited and a little nervous as the proceedings began.

Mr. Kudo, Special Advisor of the OPRF, opened the programme by welcoming all the guests, in particular Mr. Sekimizu, Chancellor and Secretary-General of the IMO, Acting WMU President Bellefontaine and Mrs. Bellefontaine, Mr. Unno, Executive Director of The Nippon Foundation, and Mr. Leif Almö, Honorary Consul of Japan and his wife. The

OPRF was also very happy to welcome several dignitaries from IMO and University Governors, as well as guests who would be honoured with special awards at the Graduation ceremony the following day: Professor Charles Cushing, who would receive an Honorary Doctorate, Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry, who was to be made an Honorary Fellow, and H.E. Ambassador Dwight Gardiner and Vice-Admiral Rodolfo Isorena, who were to be named Outstanding Alumni. Naturally, OPRF-funded students from the Class of 2015 and WMU staff were also warmly welcomed, as were the family members who had accompanied the graduating students to the reception.

Mr. Unno addressed the graduating students, congratulating them on the completion of their studies and welcoming them to the "family" of Sasakawa Fellows. He delighted the company by saying "Congratulations" in all 16 languages spoken in the students' home countries. The certificates were then presented individually to each graduating student.

All the guests were then invited to help themselves to the generous buffet, a delightful mix of Japanese specialities, such as sushi, and a number of European dishes. Chatter and laughter filled the room, as well as cries of "one more, one more" as cameras snapped to capture special

moments to be remembered. Finally, it was time for a vote of thanks from one of the graduating students, Ms. Ore Ovia Toua from Papua New Guinea.

Ms. Ovia Toua noted with appreciation the wonderful support every student had received from the OPRF staff, WMU faculty and staff, and of course, from the host city of Malmö. The students could look forward to their new status as Fellows, anticipating the support and encouragement of a remarkable network of over 500 Sasakawa Fellows around the world. The benefits of the support offered by The Nippon Foundation extend far beyond Graduation and will continue to assist the Fellows in their future careers for many years to come.

The reception ended in excited anticipation of the big day to follow. On behalf of all the guests who were present, I would like to extend sincere thanks to The Nippon Foundation and the OPRF for a memorable evening.



WMU Graduation Ceremony 2014

Susan Jackson
Registrar
World Maritime University



On Sunday, November 2, WMU's Chancellor and Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), Mr. Koji Sekimizu, conferred postgraduate degrees on the World Maritime University's Class of 2014. In total, 124 students graduated from the Malmö-based M.Sc. program in Maritime Affairs, 47 from the M.Sc. program in Dalian, China, 36 from the M.Sc. program in Shanghai, China, and 19 from the distance-learning Postgraduate Diploma in Marine Insurance. Overall, the graduates in the Class of 2014 represented 49 countries, and this graduation ceremony brought the total number of WMU graduates to 3,889 from 165 countries.

Guest of Honour, Dr. Anne Christine Brusendorff, General Secretary for the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, emphasized the collective nature of teamwork and the global nature of shipping, stating, "individually you are one drop, but together, you are an ocean."

Guest of Honour, Dr. Blade Nzimande, Minister of Higher Education and Training for the Republic of South Africa was unfortunately unable to deliver his address due to illness, therefore Ms. Sindisiwe Chikunga, Deputy Minister of Transport for the Republic of South Africa, spoke in his place. She noted the milestone that the graduation ceremony represented in capacity building for South Africa, with 23 students from the Republic of South Africa graduating, all of whom were sponsored by the South African Government.

Before the conferring of degrees on the graduates, Mr. Sekimizu conferred the degree of

Doctor of Science in Maritime Affairs, honoris causa on Dr. Charles Cushing, President, C.R. Cushing & Co, for his exceptional service to the University since 1986 as a Visiting and Adjunct Professor, teaching both in Malmö and Dalian. Three Honorary Fellow Awards were made during the ceremony for distinguished and outstanding service to WMU. The first award was made to Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry, Director of the International Labour Standards Department of the International Labour Office, who has a long-standing relationship with WMU. The second Honorary Fellow was Dr. Bernard Francou, who served from June 1998 to May 2004 as WMU Associate Professor of Port Management. For many years, Dr. Francou served as a UN expert/consultant in shipping and port related projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America. The final Honorary Fellow was Mr. Jørgen Rasmussen, the former Chief Ship Surveyor and Chief Advisor to the Director-General of the Danish Maritime Authority, former member of the Danish delegation to IMO and former Head of the Navigation Section of IMO's Maritime Safety Division.

Three Outstanding Alumnus awards were also presented during the ceremony. The first award was made to Professor Gao Deyi (MET 1995), Vice-Secretary of the Shanghai Municipal Education Committee. Professor Gao's MSc studies were funded by a fellowship provided by Oshima Shipbuilding of Japan. The second award was presented to Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Dwight C. Gardiner (MSA 1990), Director and Registrar General of the Antigua and Barbuda Department of Marine

Services and Merchant Shipping. The final Outstanding Alumnus Award was presented to Vice-Admiral Rodolfo D. Isorena, Commandant of the Philippine Coast Guard (MSEP 2002). Admiral Isorena is the third consecutive Commandant of the PCG who is a WMU graduate.

The annual student awards were also announced at the ceremony:

- Chancellor's Medal for Academic Excellence (Malmö): Gareth John Courtois, South Africa
- Chancellor's Medal for Academic Excellence (Dalian): Shen Jiaqiang, China
- Chancellor's Medal for Academic Excellence (Shanghai): Hermann Christoph Schulte, Germany
- Pierre Léonard Prize for the Best Female Student: Deniece Aiken, Jamaica
- C. P. Srivastava Award for International Fellowship: Yusuke Mori, Japan (Sasakawa Fellow)
- Lloyd's Maritime Academy Dissertation Prize: Aleik Nurwahyudy, Indonesia (Sasakawa Fellow)
- Informa Law Prize: Ronald Alfred, Trinidad and Tobago

Also at graduation, it was announced that an agreement had been signed with Dr. Vishwapati Trivedi, Secretary for the Ministry of Shipping for the Government of India, to establish an Indian Professorial Chair in Port Management, which will benefit maritime capacity building worldwide through supporting the education of students at WMU.



One Bond... One Resolve!

Sasakawa Fellowship 2014 & 2015



Christine Pauline Bergano Diciano
(Philippines, 2015)

Throughout the years, the Sasakawa Fellowship Program under the auspices of The Nippon Foundation, through the Ocean Policy Research Foundation (OPRF), has significantly supported diverse maritime pursuits of various developing countries at the World Maritime University. Resilient as ever in its efforts for capacity and network building in the maritime fields, this Fellowship now has 499 Fellows (WMU alumni) and 44 ongoing Student Fellowships (22 each for S14 and S15).

The Gathering Orientation for the 2014 and 2015 Fellowships was held at WMU on September 26, 2014, with no less than the Executive Director and Special Advisor of OPRF, Mr. Eisuke Kudo. This year was even more historic with the first Fellowship beneficiary from Tunisia, Trinidad & Tobago, and Gambia. In strongly sustaining WMU's policies on equal opportunities for women in the field of maritime studies and employment, this year showed 6 or 27% of the total grants to countries like Japan, Myanmar, Panama, Trinidad and Tobago, and the Philippines.

The program commenced with a group photo session followed by the formal orientation at the CPS Hall. Mr. Kudo delivered his opening remarks with an aide-mémoire of being grateful to the Fellowship, to consis-

tently give best efforts towards the academic requirements of WMU and to strongly develop friendships that will advance a dynamic Sasakawa Fellows' network. Subsequently, Mr. Shinichi Ichikawa from OPRF presented the evolution of the Sasakawa Fellowship Program in relation to The Nippon Foundation, OPRF and Japan Motorboat Racing. Associate Professor Michael E. Manuel, Head of the Maritime Education and Training specialization and holder of one of the three Nippon Foundation-funded chairs at WMU, likewise rendered his message, focusing on encouraging students to take advantage of all the vast knowledge, skills and experiences at WMU with the Fellows. This was followed by the students' introduction, presentation on Specialization Courses by the graduating class and a group discussion on future networking sustainability.

The discussions revealed that the Sasakawa Fellows' individual linkages and collective commitments promise improved regional and global cooperation on various maritime issues, significantly on safety and security, improved training and development programs, human resource management and reliable access to vital information, especially during maritime emergencies. Maximizing the potential of ICT in the network will further allow members to take on its dynamic responsibility in mainstreaming focal activities and the collaboration of best maritime practices with their respective organizations.

Believing that a comprehensive and global standpoint is necessary to deal with the diversity and complexity of ocean problems, education and training continue to be the valuable

underpinning instrument towards developing and enhancing deeper international cooperation and capacity development by the OPRF. With the fast-growing and increasing demands of the global maritime industry, the valuable lessons acquired by deserving students through these scholarships will allow them to appreciate different aspects of the maritime community. As such, the Sasakawa Fellows will be able to propagate dynamic social awareness and responsibility as they afford important direction in ocean affairs through their respective posts in government, non-government organizations, and academia. Furthermore, the overall goal to mobilize knowledge becomes more achievable with the integrated Sasakawa Fellows networking.

Indeed, the ocean depends so much on us—on how we nurture and sustain this great gift pristinely and peacefully. As we continue fostering better accord and collaboration through the Fellowship, the greater blessings of goodwill, safe and cleaner seas, regional stability and stronger global maritime economy is truly within reach! Guided by OPRF's philosophy of "Coexistence with the Ocean", together let us thrive and achieve bliss!



The Need for Ocean Governance



Dr. Gunnar Kullenberg

Former Executive Secretary
of IOC/UNESCO,
Former Visiting Fellow of OPRF,
Former University Professor

About 10 years ago I prepared an overview regarding ocean governance implementation, discussing principles, theoretical elements and processes, motivations and strategies. This included the role of the ocean in economic development and in the climate system, maritime transport, food from the ocean, contributions to society from the coastal zone and the EEZ. Management techniques were discussed, including ICM, Large Marine Ecosystems, Port State Control, marine protected areas, regional systems as PEMSEA, and other ecosystem-based and community-based actions. Opportunities for cooperative implementation and capacity building included ocean observations and forecasting, coastal area development, global reviews by GESAMP, shipping, aspects of climate change and freshwater availability (1).

Here are some highlights that follow up on what has happened over the past 10 years. Maritime transport has continued to grow, the value of the goods carried by ships having at least doubled since the mid-1990s to about 13 trillion USD now. The number of containers carried by the largest ships has multiplied by a factor of at least 3 up to 18,000. In the Pacific region, sea transport covers about 95% of trade, in the EU about 70-90%, and in the USA at least 40%. The global ballast water protocol has been put in place through IMO and related industries, creating a subsidiary industry valued at 35 billion USD, and the Port State Control mechanism has expanded.

Enhanced understanding of processes has been achieved through Large Marine Ecosystem projects with global coverage, and much capacity building. These have elucidated the impact of land reclamation and the runoff of nutrients, which alters the balance of major nutrients and leads to a change in plankton species and production. These projects have demonstrated the large, often negative consequences this has for fisheries, with the warming of regions and its possible impacts, as

well as showing the positive results of science-based fisheries and aquaculture management. Regional programs, such as PEMSEA in the East Asian Seas, have shown much progress in coastal zone management, demonstrating the value of ICM and voluntary regional cooperation in ocean affairs. Sustained basin-wide programs using repeated sections by ships and satellite observations have identified changes in the biological system, including that of plankton species and primary production, and have linked these in some areas to temperature increases. Ocean acidification resulting from carbon dioxide uptake has been confirmed, and impacts on sea food production demonstrated. Hot-spots of acidification have been found in areas with large shipping congestion. An increase in the rate of sea level rise seems to be confirmed, as well as changes in strength and frequency of the occurrence of extreme weather events. Public awareness of these problems, climate change concerns and the ocean appears to have increased.

The ecosystem-based management concept has been generally accepted and put in operation in national and regional cases, including in Large Marine Ecosystem projects. Many nations have established ICM programs, and the Global Program of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment is progressing through national action plans. However, degradation of coastal and shelf sea areas and habitats continues due to over-exploitation, sewage and nutrient releases, garbage aggregations and land reclamations. Marine Protected Areas have been expanded but are far from reaching the agreed goal of a 10% coverage. Fisheries continue to expand with at least 75% of all stocks fished at or beyond their biological limits, although 90% of FAO member states have developed fisheries management plans, and improved management has been put in operation in several nations. Regional arrangements have been established to ensure the implementation of existing international agreements, for instance, between the Pacific Island States and the distant fishing fleet nations, and the EU has launched directives with similar aims. Illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing continues. However, 80% of member states have specified plans to address it. Systematic ocean observation and surveillance have increased, in particular through the ARGO float program, but the Global Ocean Observing

System needs further strengthening. The importance of the ocean in climate and socio-economic contexts has been fully acknowledged, as shown by recent evaluations of the IPCC and the first globally integrated ocean assessment decided by the WSSD in 2002, and initiated through the presentation in 2009 of an Assessment of Assessments.

International global cooperative research programs have shown that human activities are influencing ocean conditions and functions at a level seriously threatening our life-support system: the ocean is warming, with changes in salt and freshwater distributions, ocean stratification, circulation and acidification, nutrient inputs from land leading to excess organic production and many dead zones, changes and large decline in fish stocks, migration patterns and food availability, losses in biodiversity and critical habitats. We face many uncertainties as to the effects, the synergism, the feedback to society, bifurcations and irreversibility. In the Arctic, warming from above and below has led to almost ice free summers. This has opened transport routes and possibilities for the exploitation of resources, including oil and gas, which has expanded into depths of 3000-4000m. However, our ability to manage risks does not seem to have increased at a matching level. The changes may also imply alterations of deepwater formation processes at high latitudes. Ocean governance should ensure that we obtain satisfactory risk management as well as knowledge of ocean deepwater circulation. These points are underlined by the increasing potential for ocean mining of nodules for metals such as cobalt, copper, manganese, and nickel, as well as of deposits of phosphate and sulfide. Many applications to start operations are in the pipeline, in particular in the Pacific region.

The pollution of coastal areas, the shelf seas and the open ocean is a growing concern. Large amounts of leftovers from ocean operations, much of it plastic material, have been observed floating at subsurface levels in some ocean basins. The pollution of coastal and regional seas by garbage and litter is substantial, matching what is found on many beaches. At the same time, the use of coastal areas has increased, from growing urbanization, maritime transport and tourism to the extraction of clean energy from tidal currents, wind and waves.

The use of plastic material since the 1960s and its long decay time has led to such material being found practically everywhere in the ocean. In the marine environment its gradual breakdown results in micro-size particles which attract dissolved organic material as pesticides. The particles are taken in by fish and the harmful material may be returned to man through food. The deep ocean is the largest reservoir of genetic resources, and ocean biotechnology is growing fast. Many new substances of potential use for developing drugs and other pharmaceutical products have been identified. New types of antibiotics of great need, and molecular entities to address bacterial diseases can result. Ocean governance is needed to ensure that this development has a scientific basis and follows sustainable development and precautionary principles, especially in view of our very limited knowledge of the function in

the life-supporting system of the vast deep sea ecosystem. (2)

Proper use of ocean services requires good governance of the ocean as a whole, which includes the coastal and shelf seas. Despite improvements there is a strong need for awareness creation and education about the ocean and its role for society, as well as developments of related professional abilities over sectors and disciplines. The World Maritime University constitutes an example. The Convention on the Law of the Sea, which entered into force in November 1994, exactly 2 decades ago, was in 2012 reconfirmed by the United Nations General Assembly as providing international law for the conservation and sustainable use of the ocean, its resources and services. The Convention includes the Common Heritage of Mankind and its principles: an ethical, environmental, economic, and a peace and security dimension. These principles also form the basis for

sustainable development. Application and implementation of the Convention together with other related agreements could lead to the sustainable development of the ocean and possibly other realms, within the limits imposed by the biosphere and the ecosystem services. The potentially stimulating role of the Convention on the Law of the Sea for urgently needed policy agreements and implementation should not be underestimated.

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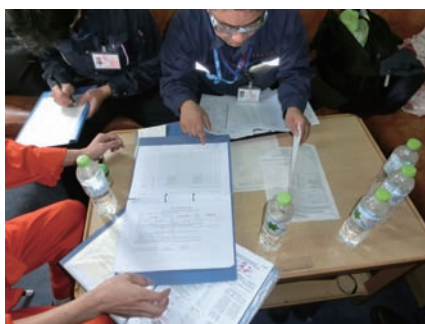
Concentrated Inspection Campaign of Port State Control in 2014 & 2015

Masashi Sugomori
Japan PSC Office
(Japan, 2010)

Management of a crew's fatigue is a fundamental approach to reducing maritime disasters, such as collisions and groundings, as well as maintaining the health condition of the crew. The Manila amendment to the STCW Convention, which came into force on January 1, 2012, was reviewed in line with the requirements of the Maritime Labour Convention, (MLC 2006). Mandatory hours of rest laid down in the STCW as amended are more stringent than before, and the recording of working and resting hours must be done in a proper manner to allow the ship's master to monitor each crew member. However, these requirements are actually quite a headache for shipowners arranging proper manning onboard.

Tokyo MOU (Memorandum of Understanding on Port State control in the Asia-Pacific Region) conducts a concentrated inspection campaign from September 1 - November 30 every year, in conjunction with Paris MOU and the other PSC regional regimes. This year, both Tokyo and Paris MOU decided to concentrate on this area, taking into consideration the effective implementation of the Manila amendment to the STCW.

The CICs always use a questionnaire in addition to the normal PSC inspection. CIC 2014 on hours of rest consists of the ten questions below:



1. Is a watch schedule posted in an easily accessible area?
2. Is the ship manned in accordance with MSMD or an equivalent document?
3. Are there records of daily hours of rest for each watchkeeper?
4. Have the records in Qu 3 been endorsed by an appropriate person?
5. Are records related to hours of rest being recorded correctly?
6. Do rest periods for all watchkeeping personnel comply with STCW requirements, including the weekly requirements of rest?
7. Will the watchkeepers on the first and subsequent watch after departure have sufficient time to rest?
8. Is there evidence that on-call seafarers receive adequate compensatory rest periods if disturbed by call-outs to work?
9. Do the records indicate that a bridge lookout is being maintained?
10. Was the ship detained as a result of this CIC?

All the questions are answered by "Yes", "No"

or "N/A (not applicable)". As of the end of October, of all the questions, the one with the highest response of non-compliance ("No") was question No. 5 (approx. 17 % of total inspections during the CIC).

The results of CIC 2014 will be published on the Tokyo MOU website in due course.

For your further information, the next CIC topic in 2015, "Crew Familiarization for Enclosed Space Entry" has just been agreed upon by the 25th Tokyo MOU PSC Committee in November 2014 in Queenstown, New Zealand. This topic was chosen due to the amendment to Regulation 19, Chapter III of the SOLAS Convention that will come into force on January 1, 2015. Tokyo and Paris MOU chose this topic for the campaign, as fatalities of the enclosed space entry have never decreased. New drill requirements on enclosed space entry and its rescue operations shall be conducted every two months, and CIC 2015 will also be targeting its effective implementation.

I hope safety will improve through these activities.



New Members of WMU Sasa



Md Nasir Uddin Chowdhury

Assistant Manager, Secretariat
Bangladesh Shipping Corporation

By attending WMU, I have great expectations to gain knowledge and expertise in maritime affairs and contribute to the efficient operation and development of the Bangladesh Shipping Corporation and participate in maritime related national policy formulation. Besides, to be a student at WMU is a great privilege, sharing and interacting with students coming from all over the world and benefitting from each others' experiences.

Bangladesh
S15060 (MLP)



Mukund Gujar

Commandant (JG)
Operations, Indian Coast Guard

Growing maritime challenges in the Indian Ocean and other parts of the world necessitate amendments to existing procedures, legislations and processes, and effective implementation towards safer, secure and cleaner oceans. Post graduation, as a Coast Guard officer my priority would be to assess and inculcate knowledge gained at WMU to bring about positive changes in the Indian maritime domain for effective SAR, anti-piracy measures, effective surveillance and pollution response, HNS related measures.

India
S15062 (MSEA)



Buo Ngha Gerard

Research Officer, Maritime Affairs
Ministry of Transport

I promise to use the knowledge gained at WMU to help the maritime industry of my country, especially the new ports being built in Kribi, and soon Limbe. I wish to help in the fight against piracy in shipping, marine accidents, and pollution, as well as highlight the importance of women in maritime affairs, for the benefit of my country.

Cameroon
S15059 (PM)



Nanditya Darma Wardhana

Officer for Directorate of Navigation
Directorate of Navigation, Directorate General of Sea Transportation
Ministry of Transportation

During my studies at WMU I would like to obtain valuable knowledge concerning maritime affairs, especially those related to international regulations/conventions and attend international practices. I will use said knowledge to assist my organization to enhance the safety of navigation and marine environmental protection in Indonesian waters.

Indonesia
S15068 (MLP)



Jose Luis Archila

First Lieutenant, Colombian Navy

At WMU, I look forward to learning about the shipping business and how international shipping companies work, in order to achieve an ICS certificate in the future.

When I go back to Colombia I would like to share all my knowledge with my country's new seafarers and the maritime society, in order to enhance and promote the maritime sector of Colombia.

Colombia
S15057 (SML)



Sadaharu Koga

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

I have three goals while at WMU. The first is to obtain fundamental knowledge regarding relevant instruments of IMO. The second is to improve my English skills to attend IMO meetings in the future. The last is to make friends from around the world, which will be the greatest assets of my life.

Japan
S15015 (MSEA)



Mohamed Nabil El nabawi Abd el hadi Bahriz

Marine lecturer, Marine technology
Arab Academy for Science and Technology and Maritime Transport

I want to learn Maritime Management, Maritime Economics, Shipping Management and Logistics at WMU, plus I want to learn about Swedish culture. When I come back to Egypt, I want to share my knowledge with my colleagues, students and the Egyptian administration.

Egypt
S15058 (PM)



Maki Tominaga

Staff, Education and Training Division
Administration Department, Japan Coast Guard

I am looking forward to meeting all my unique classmates with different backgrounds. I would like to establish an enduring human network, which will enable me to have a broader perspective on things. After graduation, I hope I can deal with maritime safety and security issues that the world and Japan may face, using the network and skills gained at WMU.

Japan
S15018 (MSEA)



Kulay Manneh

Deputy Director of Marine & Harbours Services
The Gambia Ports Authority

1. Specialize in Maritime Safety and Environmental Administration
2. Make significant contributions towards the improvement of maritime safety of my country
3. Advise public/private maritime organizations on the maritime environment/ocean management issues
4. Advocate in collaboration with the National Environment Agency for the establishment of a sustainable port reception facility
5. Be involved in sensitization and training of employees on safe practices and marine environment protection.

Gambia
S15067 (MSEA)



Juma Ahmed Ali

Assistant Trade Facilitation Officer
Commercial Shipping Department, Kenya Maritime Authority

I plan to go back to my organization, which is the maritime regulator, and assist in the development of the maritime sector, which is currently undergoing transformation. I will assist in the development of policies which will increase local participation in the maritime sector, improve transport efficiency, and protection and the sustainable use of the environment.

Kenya
S15055 (SML)



Edwynn Alejandro Raxon

Guatemalan Navy Officer, Directorship of Maritime Affairs
Ministry of National Defense

Guatemala ratified the STCW convention in 2003. The Navy, as Maritime Authority, has started to generate officers with knowledge in maritime necessities. STCW is mandatory and our priority. That's the reason why my government supported me in applying for a scholarship at WMU, and gave me permission to attend the MET for the implementation of the STCW convention in Guatemala.

Guatemala
S15017 (MET)



Said Mata Khamis

Principal Internal Auditor (Operations)
Head of Internal Audit & Risk Management, Kenya Ports Authority

At WMU, I want to get an understanding of different aspects of Port Management, general maritime developments both technical and commercial. I will provide advisory services to my company, country and maritime industry at large on the current development challenges faced by the industry. I will continue advocating for co-existence between man and the ocean by networking with other fellowship graduates.

Kenya
S15086 (PM)

Sasakawa Fellowship, Class of 2015

22 new Sasakawa Fellowship Students in the class of 2015 have joined the WMU Academic Program in the middle of September, 2014. These students are experts in their own right and 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 courses, their new knowledge and skills shall contribute further to enhance their countries' maritime community.

Specialization Courses

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



Myanmar
S15064 (MET)

Hla Ohn Mar Htay

Instructor, Department of Workshop Technology
Myanmar Mercantile Marine College

I want to learn both theoretical and practical knowledge in the maritime field, and I expect to gain the best education from WMU. After graduation, I plan to return to my home country and share my newly gained expertise. I will also try as much as I can to provide my organization and my country's needs in the maritime field with the latest IMO standards.



Sri Lanka
S15066 (SML)

Ranil Jayantha Mahawatta Arachchilage

Staff Assistant (Executive Grade III), Logistics Department
Ceylon Shipping Corporation, Ltd.

I would like to study Shipping Management & Logistics at WMU, which covers Ship Chartering and Sales & Purchase, Maritime Commercial Law, Bills of Lading, etc. I intend to do research into dry and wet bulk ship chartering, management and operations, based on secondary sources. This will enable me to fill the vacuum of theoretical knowledge in the said areas in our organization.



Panama
S15013 (PM)

Melissa Danella Barria

Chief, Quality Management Area
Office of the General Director of Ports and Maritime Auxiliary Industries
Panama Maritime Authority

I am really looking forward to acquiring the necessary knowledge to succeed in the maritime field, as my government expects of me. I also want to gain experience from the faculty and my colleagues at WMU. My plan after graduation is to continue working in the port management directorate, and if possible, in the legal affairs area.

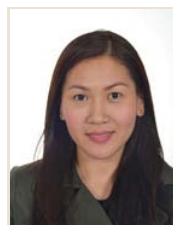


Thailand
S15014 (MSEA)

Surasak Changjul

Government Ship Surveyor, Marine Department Office 3, Phetchaburi Branch
Marine Department, Ministry of Transport of Thailand

I will integrate WMU knowledge and experience with my duties in developing the Thailand Port State Control Department. There are many conventions that the Thai Government did not ratify as national law, so I will support our maritime authority in this. I also can represent my country at international meetings concerning maritime issues.



Philippines
S15056 (MLP)

Fatima Aleli Angeles

Commander, Coast Guard Legal Service (former)
Lieutenant Commander, Coast Guard Legal Service
Philippine Coast Guard

After graduation, I shall continue to be in contact with the vast and valuable Sasakawa Fellows' network. Equipped with the knowledge that I have acquired from WMU, I will endeavor to find legitimate solutions should there be any issues involving maritime disputes or any concerns relating to maritime affairs and relations between States which may involve my country. As members of the Sasakawa Fellows' network, I believe we may be of help to our respective countries to work on a common goal: the betterment of the maritime realm.



Trinidad and Tobago
S15063 (SML)

Diana Arielle Virginia Henry

Assistant Maritime Administrator (Safety)
Maritime Services Division, Ministry of Transport

The knowledge obtained in Maritime Safety and Environmental Administration will be an excellent tool for the development of my country's maritime sector. It is a wonderful opportunity to gain new experiences and also friends from all over the world, thus forging lasting relationships and vital linkages for cooperation in the global maritime community.



Philippines
S15061 (MET)

Christine Pauline Bergano Diciano

Former Commander, Coast Guard Procurement Service and Staff & Pilot,
Coast Guard Air Group, Philippine Coast Guard

I will strongly advocate opportunities of continued collaboration and enhancement of the Sasakawa Fellows' Network through continuous education, research, capacity building measures and dynamic commitment towards the progression of oneself and the organization I am called to serve. I will pursue valuable initiatives to develop my role in national development, regional commitments and global maritime progress.



Tunisia
S15012 (MSEA)

Chihebeddine Badir

Harbour Officer, Harbour Office, SFAX Port
Office of Merchant Marine and Ports Authority

Studying at WMU is a great opportunity to show me the real needs of the maritime industry. It will also help me to acquire essential contacts within the international maritime arena. I will use the knowledge gained to strive for better environmental protection and safety measures in my country. In addition, I will enhance my national responsibilities towards effective maritime development.



Sri Lanka
S15065 (MSEA)

J.M. Buddhika S.J. Jayaweera

Deputy Director Personnel & Administration, Commander
Personnel & Administration, Sri Lanka Coast Guard

I'm looking forward to acquiring as much knowledge from the best scholars in the world at WMU and making lifelong contacts with fellow mariners. I'm determined to utilize my acquired knowledge to enhance the safety and all aspects of maritime administration in the maritime domain of Sri Lanka, through the Sri Lanka Coast Guard after graduation.



Viet Nam
S15019 (SML)

Cao Hong Quan

Vietnam National Shipping Lines

With a coastline of 3,260 kms, Vietnam is striving to become a powerful and rich coastal nation. As a member of Vinalines, I am trying to contribute a tiny part towards the maritime economic development of my country. After graduating from the shipping management and logistics program at WMU, I will transfer my new knowledge to colleagues and people who are working or learning in the maritime sector.

10th Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting (HACGAM)



The 10th HACGAM was held on September 30th in Yokohama. Attendees reconfirmed the role of this meeting, which was initiated with the cooperation of The Nippon Foundation, and agreed to continue activities in the five areas the meeting has been promoting since the India HACGAM in 2012. These areas are: search and rescue, environmental protection, countermeasures for natural disasters, prevention and control of unlawful acts at sea, and capacity building. The leaders from 13 countries and one region met with Prime Minister Abe and Mr. Sasakawa on

that day. Participating in the meeting were the following WMU Sasakawa Fellows: Ms. Retno Windari (Indonesia, 2001), Mr. Thanatip Jantarapakde (Thailand, 1998), Mr. Damrongkiat Kiatopas (Thailand, 2011), Mr. Mohd Rosli Abdullah (Malaysia, 2008), Mr. Ryoji Hayashi (Japan, 2002), and Mr. Yasuhiro Okamoto (Japan, 2009).

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Le Nam Tran (Vietnam, 2009)

I am delighted to share our joy at the arrival of our son with my dear Sasakawa Fellows around the world. He was born on July 08, 2014, at the Haiphong Obstetrics and Gynecology Hospital. He is named Tran Le Dang Khoi, with our hopes that he will become a handsome, intelligent person with great talent. His nickname is Soc, meaning "squirrel". It's a lovely name, isn't it?

Our newborn angel spreads new smiles and warmth throughout our family, as we've waited many years for him – 13 years, to be

exact, since the birth of our daughter. Now, we have a "princess" and a "prince", a daughter followed by a son, which in Vietnam, means we got an A+! We fully and deeply understand that our children bring us not only happiness but also responsibilities. We have been working hard to give them a better life, and we will try to raise them as good and useful persons in society.

Finally, I would like to give my special thanks to Dr. Sasakawa for allowing me to become a 2009 Sasakawa Fellow. I also would like to thank the Friends of WMU for always connecting us Sasakawa Fellows.



Toru Eguchi (Japan, 2009)

My first child was born on August 10, 2014. We named her "Momoka", which means "hundred flowers" in Japanese kanji. "Momo" also has another meaning, "peach", which arrives in summer and is also believed to have the power to ward off evil and misfortune.

When she was born, I literally flew to meet her. My wife had gone back to her (and my) hometown two months before our baby's due date to prepare for the delivery with the help of her parents and relatives.

On that day, I received a call from my mother-in-law saying that my wife was about to give birth. I immediately left my house in Tokyo and got on a plane.

Since this was our first child, everyone thought the delivery would take a long time. So, I was supposed to be there sharing the moment of birth with my wife. Unfortunately, or perhaps I should say fortunately, the delivery was so easy that our baby was born while I was still on the plane.

I can't express how much gratitude and love I feel towards my wife for giving birth to such a healthy and "kawaii" baby, and to Momoka for bringing us such great happiness.

WMU welcomes new Assistant Registrar



We were delighted to welcome Peter Marriott to the Registry team on October 1, 2014. Pete has been appointed as Assistant Registrar (Student Records) and will be responsible for the new Registry student record system as well as having oversight of admissions and enrolment.

Pete, 33, and his partner, Louise, have moved to Malmö from London, where he worked at Tower Hamlets College, firstly as Faculty Administrator and then as Quality Data Analyst. Pete has also worked at the University of the West of England in Bristol, as a teacher of business English in China and also spent a year as a rock climbing specialist in Canada. He holds a BSc in Actuarial Science from the University of Kent, and an MSc in Business

Intelligence and Analytics from the University of Westminster.

"WMU looks like a really interesting place to work," Pete said, "and I'm looking forward to new challenges in the context of an international community. The Sasakawa Fellowship programme clearly has created a unique global network that plays a vital role in building global capacity and economic development, and so I'm very interested in meeting the Fellows in the next few months."

Outside work, Pete is looking forward to experiencing Sweden's rock-climbing opportunities. He is keen on sport of all kinds, but especially cricket.

Susan Jackson
Registrar, World Maritime University

Editor's note

Just one year has passed since typhoon Yolanda wreaked havoc in the Philippines. We heard the news just at the time we were in the middle of our regional conference for Sasakawa Fellows in Accra, Ghana, in November last year. According to the news, Leyte Island suffered the most damage. The National Maritime Polytechnic (NMP) is located in Leyte, and many WMU graduates were working there, including some Sasakawa Fellows. After returning to Japan from Ghana, I attempted to contact them several times, and I remember feeling very anxious about not being able to reach them whatsoever.

The Maritime Technical College (MTC) that I belong to has a long association with this NMP. MTC has maintained a long-term commitment to NMP in providing support in teaching materials, as well as promoting exchanges with teaching staff, and this added to our concern as each day passed.

An investigation team from Japan was later sent to Leyte to provide relief and support, and MTC was able to dispatch some teaching staff as personnel. We finally got an overall picture of the damages and felt somewhat relieved.

It was then decided that MTC would assist in providing general support for NMP in areas such as the restoration of teaching materials and the reconstruction of the school.

Although it has been 12 years since I left WMU, I feel a tremendous sense of joy to be able to work together with the graduates of WMU again. At the same time, I have come to keenly believe that we in the maritime industry are closely connected with one another throughout the world.

Prof. Toshio Hikima
Marine Technical College



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