



## Regional Conference of WMU Sasakawa Fellows in Accra

Catherine Haizel  
(Ghana, 2002)

WMU graduates from all over Africa converged on the city of Accra, the capital of Ghana, from the 3rd of November to attend the All-African Regional Meeting of Sasakawa Fellows, which incidentally coincided with the 20th anniversary celebrations of SAFE (Sasakawa Africa Fund for Extension Education).

Graduates were expected from all over Africa, but eventually the 21 members present came from Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Côte d'Ivoire, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Nigeria and Tanzania. The facilitators of the meeting were two staff members of OPRF. Professor Toshio Hikima, Rector of the Marine Technical College, Kobe, was joined by Mr. Osamu Marumoto, Project Officer of the IMO Counter-Piracy Project Implementation Unit, as the main lecturers for the meeting.

### Monday 4th November



The activity-packed program over the week commenced on the evening of the 4th with the self-introduction of present participants, as not all were present then. Discussions on the agenda for the Sasakawa Fellows' Network activities and how the rest of the week was to be used were also laid out. The working groups on the network activities were constituted and chairperson, co-chairpersons and secretaries were selected. Mr. Stephen Toya from Kenya presided at the meeting. The groups set to work immediately when their terms of reference were made known. As the week was packed with various activities, presentations by Fellows on their areas of interest had to be interspersed throughout.

### Tuesday 5th November

The actual program commenced on the 5th with presentations by Professor Hikima on the topic "Fundamental Problems in the MET Field". In this lecture, for which he used the Japanese maritime industry as a case study, he asked the fundamental question, "How do we keep qualified officers and instructors?" He made the point that the maritime industry has seen a steady decline in qualified officers and instructors, particularly in the established maritime nations. This he attributed to high salary levels in these countries and other social factors such as separation from families, short stay at ports and the IT environment. He concluded that paying a higher salary in these countries as well as increasing the passion of the

younger generation for seafaring may change the tide of decline.

Mr. Osamu Marumoto addressed the issue of the IMO Perspective on Maritime Security & Djibouti Code of Conduct. He further explained how maritime security issues are being dealt with from the basis of the SUA Convention to the ISPS Code to current efforts in the Gulf of Eden and the Somalia region. He stressed the need for capacity-building and regional cooperation as very necessary if piracy in various parts of the world is to be effectively brought under control. He urged nations to create a legal framework at the national level within which maritime security can take place through the effective use of maritime law enforcement, using tools of law drafting and inter-agency working.

These presentations were followed by equally interesting ones from some of the Sasakawa Fellows on their chosen topics. Interesting discourse on presentations on the second day with question and answer time at the end loosened the atmosphere, and members relaxed and







shared jokes. In the afternoon, four important agendas such as 1) Fellows' Activities, 2) Internet Communication, 3) Friends of WMU, Japan Newsletter, and 4) Expansion of Network were discussed under the co-chairpersons. The day ended with a stroll to the Mövenpick Hotel for cocktails with SAFE delegates.

### Wednesday 6th November

The day commenced with an early breakfast at the Novotel, then the Fellows checked out, ready for the International Conference Centre (ICC) for the 20th anniversary celebration of 'SAFE Global 2000 Project' and thence to Cape Coast.

The program at ICC commenced on schedule with Ruth Oniang'o's (Chairman of the Board of SAFE and Chairman of the Symposium) opening remarks. She introduced former US President Jimmy Carter, who spoke via satellite.

Other dignitaries were:

H.E. Nicephore Dieudonne Soglo, former President of the Republic of Benin (former manager of the World Bank)

Steve Obempheh – former Agricultural Minister in the Rawlings government

Ms. Oniang'o traced the history of the Global 2000 program, which she said was inspired by men such as Mr. Sasakawa and Dr. Norman Borlaug.



Ghana was the first country in Africa to be approached by Mr. Sasakawa in 1986 for the Global 2000 program. In 1993, SAFE was adopted in Ghana by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Cape Coast, Professor K. Adjepong, who was a guest speaker at the conference.

The thrust of the meeting was to create awareness in the international community, particularly in the developing countries, on the need to look to the future by putting farmers center stage of developmental agenda. If we are to become food sufficient, we need to improve the welfare of farmers.

Technical knowledge, input and extension services to farmers are the backbone of food security in Africa, she added.

Sasakawa Global 2000 must be operating for SAFE to apply for mid-career extension workers. Interested universities must fulfill criteria in regulations to be eligible for consideration to join in the program. Another equally important agenda of this SAFE conference was to create a network internally and externally to fulfill the motto of Ryoichi Sasakawa: "The world is one family, and all humankind are brothers and sisters".

Sasakawa Fellows made a stopover at a Winneba practice farm on the way to Cape Coast, where there was a warm reception by the Chief of the Efutu Traditional Area, Neeney Gharthey VII, amidst traditional drumming and dancing by a cultural troupe.

The group was shown around the project farm by students, who took time to explain what the project's achievements had been so far. After an hour's stay, the bus finally departed for Elmina Coconut Grove Beach Resort, where the group lodged.

### Thursday 7th November

The joint meeting commenced at 10:00am at the Sasakawa Centre, on the campus of the University of Cape Coast (UCC), with SAFE past and present graduates and WMU graduates attending. This was to allow WMU graduates to join in the celebration of SAFE's 20th anniversary, with the sole aim of creating a platform for sharing experiences after graduation, and to network professionally to deal with challenges and problems as Sasakawa Program beneficiaries.

One graduate each from WMU and SAFE made presentations on their experiences before, during and after Sasakawa sponsorship. Both speakers particularly made the point of how Sasakawa Fellows enjoy the pride of place when it comes to the interest shown in them by their sponsor, Mr. Sasakawa. Like a proud father, he follows the development and progress of his 'children' throughout their careers.

Mr. Katsuhiko Motoyama of The Nippon Foundation received a present of a new gown from the SAFE students on behalf of Mr. Yohei Sasakawa. He left members with the wise saying of "growing one year of blame, 10 years of trees and a hundred years of human beings" as a policy for every human development endeavor.

After lunch, WMU graduates spent the rest of the afternoon sight-seeing in Cape Coast and Elmina, with visits to the Cape Coast castle by those who still had the energy, and naps for those who didn't.

### Friday 8th November

Since our departure for Accra on the morning of Friday 8th was early, we arrived at the Novotel, Accra, around 10:30 am after an uneventful voyage, with most Fellows sleeping throughout. The afternoon session saw a continuation of presentations by graduates in the themes of Maritime Education & Training, Piracy & Law Enforcement, Maritime Environment, Transport & Logistics, and Ports & Maritime Industries. Fellows also worked on a resolution for the meeting.

### Saturday 9th November

Saturday saw a continuation of presentations and the adoption of resolutions by graduates at the meeting and a plan for the future of Africa's alumni. On the whole, presentations by the graduates were very interesting and educative as they gave us the opportunity to learn more about each other's countries.



### Field Trip to Tema Port

Graduates took a planned trip to Ghana Ports & Harbours Authority (GPHA) to familiarize themselves with work there. After a two-hour insightful lecture, we took a tour inside the port, visiting the marine operations tug berths, the container terminal of MPS, and the container scanning point for SGS.



On the whole, the get-together was very worthwhile as some Fellows had not communicated much with each other previously by mail or phone. This wonderful meeting therefore presented us with the golden opportunity to right things and plan a future of better communication and collaboration. The African Fellows resolved to keep the torch of fellowship and unity burning by having a biennial meeting beginning in 2015 in each of the countries present in rotation. Kenya was chosen as the first country to begin the hosting of such a conference.





## Beginning of a New Set of Friendships

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“The world is a family, and all humankind are brothers and sisters”. This philosophy was first adopted by Ryoichi Sasakawa, and it now hallmarks all the endeavours of The Nippon Foundation, of which the Ocean Policy Research Foundation is such a significant part. Enabling real change in the world – in this case, in the maritime industry of developing nations – through support to promising young individuals is achieved not just through providing an education, but also by embracing them into the family of Sasakawa Fellows.

These important relationships begin as soon as an OPRF-supported student begins his or her studies at the World Maritime University and are encouraged in many ways. One of the first and most significant of these is the “Gathering Orientation with Sasakawa Fellowship” that occurs soon after the start of each academic year. The aim is to ensure that all Sasakawa-sponsored students at the World Maritime University – both seniors and juniors – recognize each other as Sasakawa colleagues so that they can build a firm foundation for their future interaction.

This year’s Gathering Orientation was held at WMU on September 27, 2013. Students

from the Classes of 2013 and 2014 first attended a presentation in the C P Srivastava Hall, chaired by Mr Shinichi Ichikawa, where they were welcomed by the OPRF’s Special Advisor, Mr Eisuke Kudo. Mr Ichikawa then continued by giving a presentation on the basic activities of the WMU Sasakawa Fellowship Program.

The session then continued with presentations by senior students on the various specializations followed by Sasakawa students: Igor Pishenin spoke on Maritime Education and Training, Hiep Duy Khuong outlined the Shipping and Port Management courses, Eugene Tomas Amaazee spoke about the Maritime Law and Policy specialization while Jenay Ghebremariam presented the Maritime Safety and Environmental Administration course. This gave the newcomers the student perspective on many of the broad range of fields of study available at the World Maritime University.

A reception followed this information session. Held in one of the conference rooms, Sasakawa students and University staff enjoyed a friendly evening together, chatting, getting to know each other and swapping stories. The reception began with each of the students introducing themselves in an informal way: many nicknames were quickly exchanged!

After some delicious food and drink, Ms Syovata (Fiona) Mbandi made a short speech, representing the senior students. She reflected on her time at WMU which was soon to come to a close: how much she and her fellow Sasakawa colleagues had gained from their

studies and the relationships they had formed. She also stressed – now towards the end of their studies – that senior students were most of all thankful: thankful for the knowledge they had gained, for the friendships they had made, for the help and support of University staff, and last but most certainly not least, the support of The Nippon Foundation and the Ocean Policy Research Foundation which had made it all possible. She looked forward to the continuing relationships – both personal friendships and professional contacts – enabled by her Sasakawa sponsorship.

President Björn Kjerfve joined the reception, also enjoying the opportunity to greet all the Sasakawa students. As is usual at any World Maritime University event, there were many, many cameras used to record the occasion and cries of “one more! one more!” rang out as groups posed in various constellations with President Kjerfve, Mr Kudo and Mr Ichikawa.

It was a very happy occasion and one that marks the beginning of a new set of friendships linking the newest Sasakawa students to a long chain of students, graduates and Fellows in the Sasakawa family.





# The 2013 CSR Symposium Makes the Business Case for CSR

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Shipping companies are increasingly flagging Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) as a crucial part of their business strategy. To this end, a document entitled "The Future we Want" was adopted in June 2002 at the UN Conference on Sustainable Development held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in which political commitment to sustainable development was renewed.

Following the above outcome, IMO selected "Sustainable Development: IMO's Contribution beyond Rio+20" as the World Maritime Day theme for 2013. It emphasized that enhanced understanding of opportunities and priorities towards the integration of CSR principles and practices in the shipping industry can help support progress on ocean and coastal sustainability.

To provide a forum to address these issues, the Northern European Shipping CSR Symposium, funded by The Nippon Foundation, and hosted by the World Maritime University (WMU), the Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO), the Danish Shipowners Association (DSA) and the Japanese International Transport Institute (JITI), took place on November 12, 2013, in Helsingør, Denmark. The symposium is the third one to be hosted by The Nippon Foundation and JITI. It comprised four sessions, bringing together nearly 200 participants from a variety of backgrounds around the globe.



Following the opening, Mr. Mitsuyuki Unno, Executive Director of The Nippon Foundation, delivered a welcoming speech. He stressed that CSR has a more crucial role to play in the face of challenges such as continued piracy, casualties, and damage to the environment, and expressed his view that passing on a healthy ocean and a sustainable maritime industry to future generations should be a goal. While

mentioning positive efforts being made by some companies, he highlighted the importance of a clear common direction for CSR, in order to avoid a fragmented approach, which could become a burden, rather than an improvement for enterprises, in particular small and medium ones.



Finally, he expressed his hope that the industry works collectively to develop a clear common direction in CSR activities, with international shipping associations playing a coordinating role, and his willingness to provide support for positive efforts.

Mr. Sekimizu, Secretary General of IMO, speaking passionately about his efforts to support CSR through IMO, began by expressing his view that sustainability translates into CSR. He listed major events held by the UN every ten years since 1972 that have contributed to the advancement of CSR concepts. Highlighting the importance of IMO as a coordinating body for sustainable maritime transport systems, he raised the proactive application of regulations, the welfare of seafarers, and the important role WMU plays in human resource development, as the core elements that need to be addressed.

In Session 2, entitled "CSR Conceptualised", presentations by various keynote speakers took place, including those of Mr. Edward Humes, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist; Mrs. Coady, University of British Columbia; and Professor Olof Linden of WMU. An expert in finance was also invited to provide a presentation from an outside perspective. Mr. Humes brought a compelling case study to the table, introducing CSR activities undertaken by Wal-Mart, in which CSR was transformed into a business opportunity, and another case involving the US military, both of which



resulted in significant reductions in GHG (Greenhouse Effect Gases) emissions. He concluded by expressing his view that CSR is an opportunity rather than a risk.

Mrs. Coady briefly introduced the outcome of her research project on CSR, which, in her view, is a hybrid system having both regulations and voluntary initiatives. The findings include: 1) segmentation is more evident, 2) gaps between large and small/medium enterprises have increased, and 3) absence of co-ordination in the shipping industry has led to fragmentation in regulations and respective voluntary initiatives.

Session 3, which addressed good practice in CSR applications to further promote the case for CSR, had several presentations from Shell, NORDEN, BSR and A.P. Moller Maersk. Most focused on consequential GHG reductions, whereas some addressed CSR as part of preventive measures towards corruption and piracy. Following the presentations, a panel debate took place moderated by Mr. Figueres, followed by questions and answers between the panel and the audience, which saw some spirited debate.

In the closing session, Mr. Figueres summarized that CSR should not be viewed negatively as increased costs; it should rather be considered an opportunity with a view towards "a better world", represented by the 3 Ps (people, planet, and profit). In conclusion, he invited all participants to be "an agent of change for a better world".

It is hoped that this symposium provides an opportunity for the shipping industry to boost its efforts to pursue CSR activities, in light of the fact that CSR constitutes a crucial part of business strategy for sustainability.



## Tokyo MOU: Twenty Years of Development, Progress and Achievement on Port State Control in the Asia-Pacific Region

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Tokyo MOU Secretariat

Year 2013 is the twentieth anniversary of the Tokyo MOU. Two decades ago, the maritime Authorities in the Asia-Pacific region gathered in Tokyo, Japan, and concluded the Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control in the Asia-Pacific Region (Tokyo MOU), aiming at establishment of an effective and harmonized port State control system in the region to eliminate substandard ships and to promote maritime safety and protection of the marine environment, as well as safeguard working and living conditions onboard ships.

On October 28, 2013, the Tokyo MOU 20th Anniversary Forum, in conjunction with the 24th meeting of the Port State Control Committee of the Tokyo MOU, was organized to celebrate this event. At the opening, Mr. Ryuji Masuno, Vice-Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan, made a congratulatory address. Mr. Koji Sekimizu, Secretary-General of IMO, was invited as the guest of honor to the forum and delivered a keynote speech, in which he commended the great achievements of the Tokyo MOU during the past twenty years and encouraged it to take every challenge in the years to come. Mr. Mitsutoyo Okada, Secretary, Tokyo MOU Secretariat, also made a keynote presentation. Furthermore, Mr. Mick Kinley, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA), representing the member Authorities; Mr. Richard Schiferli, General Secretary of the Paris MOU Secretariat, representing observers; and Mr. Takuya Yoneya,

Executive Vice President of the Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (ClassNK), representing the industry, made congratulatory speeches. In addition to the members, co-operating members and observers of the Tokyo MOU, representatives from the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS), the Association of Asian Classification Societies (ACS), INTERTANKO, INTER-CARGO, the International Chamber of Shipping and the International Shipping Federation (ICS/ISF), the Asian Shipowners' Forum (ASF), and the Japan Shipowners' Association (JSA) participated in the forum.

At present, the Tokyo MOU consists of 19 Member Authorities, namely: Australia, Canada, Chile, China, Fiji, Hong Kong (China), Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Marshall Islands (which became a member at this meeting in Tokyo), New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, Singapore, Thailand, Vanuatu and Viet Nam. Peru adhered to the Tokyo MOU as a Co-operating Member Authority. The Authorities of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Macao (China), the Solomon Islands, the United States Coast Guard, the International Maritime Organization, the International Labour Organization and the Secretariats of the Paris, the Indian Ocean and the Black Sea Memoranda of Understanding on Port State Control and the Viña del Mar Agreement are associated with the Tokyo MOU as observers.

During the past twenty years, the Tokyo MOU has made significant developments, progress and achievements on port State control in the Asia-

Pacific region. The total number of inspections conducted by member Authorities has increased from 8,000 in 1994 to more than 30,000 in 2012, which creates a new record not only of its own but also for the regional PSC regimes around the world. Detentions have decreased both in number and in percentage in 2012. It is for the first time that the regional detention rate is below 5%, except for the year of starting operations of the Tokyo MOU. This can be seen as a positive outcome of effective operation of the PSC program by the Tokyo MOU Authorities. In addition to normal PSC inspections, the Tokyo MOU also organizes concentrated inspection campaigns (CIC) for facilitating enforcement and implementation of certain important convention regulations, which are conducted almost every year by tackling different subjects.

One of the most important achievements of the Tokyo MOU is the development and implementation of effective and comprehensive technical co-operation activities. From the very beginning, the Tokyo MOU has kept the training and improvement of professional qualification of port State control officers as a high priority. For that purpose, a strategic plan for training was developed, and various technical co-operation programs were implemented. To date, more than 2,000 PSC officers in the region have participated in the technical co-operation programs organized by the Tokyo MOU in one way or another. It is important to mention that The Nippon Foundation kindly offered generous financial support for the Tokyo technical co-operation activities.

The success of the Tokyo MOU is the result of co-operation, contributions and efforts of the Authorities and the Port State Control Committee. The Tokyo MOU will take the twenty years of achievement as a new starting point and continue its efforts and further enhancement of its activities, so as to achieve the ultimate objective of elimination of substandard ships throughout the region.





# New Members of WMU Sas



## Mohamed Taalbi

Second Engineer Onboard Passenger Ship, Engine Department  
Entreprise Nationale de Transport Maritime de Voyage  
(E.N.T.M.V-Algerie Ferries)

The WMU MSc Program, since it provides the essential understanding of maritime administration issues and expertise in essential management tools, will allow me to share in the implementation of international maritime standards of safety and environmental protection in my country, in order to improve the living conditions of seafarers, the reliability of ships and the cleanliness of the seas.

Algeria  
S14010 (MSEA)



## Vijay Raju

Commandant (JG)  
Headquarters, Coast Guard District No. 3, Indian Coast Guard

I will be utilizing the knowledge gained at WMU to strive for a safer maritime environment in and around Indian waters. I will also train and share my knowledge with my peers and colleagues. I will also create awareness about maritime environmental issues and address them at every possible level, which will be advantageous to my country.

India  
S14048 (MSEA)



## Mst Farhana Diba

Instructor, Marine Technology  
Bangladesh Institute of Marine Technology

This course is very much relevant to my present occupation and will be very helpful to upgrade my position at my present organization. This education will be very effective for my institution and obviously for my country. I will share my very valuable experience that I achieve during this period with my colleagues and especially with my students.

Bangladesh  
S14054 (MET)



## Aleik Nurwahyudy

Marine Safety Investigator  
National Transportation Safety Committee, Ministry of Transportation

I wish to gain more knowledge about how marine safety systems (safety defenses) can be sufficiently developed to prevent accidents, and I also want to understand the limitations of their implementation. This knowledge will allow me to conduct analyses to determine the causes of marine accidents, and which safety recommendations should be issued to prevent similar occurrences in the future.

Indonesia  
S14007 (MSEA)



## Md Manjurul Kabir

Senior Engineer Instructor,  
Marine Engineering, Bangladesh Marine Academy

Studying at WMU is a dream come true for me. WMU MET will certainly impart to me the real needs of the maritime industry, offering an expert balance of academic study and practical experience. Returning home, I shall try to bring significant improvement in learning and teaching skills, management and policy matters within my organization, taking into account the demands of the maritime industry.

Bangladesh  
S14056 (MET)



## Yuichi Monji

Official  
Education Administration, Japan Coast Guard

Through this precious opportunity to study abroad, in international circumstances, with experts from many countries, I want to establish strong friendships with colleagues while appreciating their respective differences, cultures, ways of thinking, etc. I would also like to contribute and help my friends to understand Japan.

Japan  
S14005 (MSEA)



## Jairo Eligio Orobio Sánchez

Assistant Manager  
Maritime Safety, General Maritime Directorate

First, I strongly believe that while studying at WMU I will acquire the knowledge to identify, research, and propose solutions for maritime-related problems in Colombia, such as maritime pollution. I will also share a lot of experience with other WMU students who come from different countries. Finally, I will transfer my knowledge and by sharing it help towards maritime development.

Colombia  
S14009 (MSEA)



## Yusuke Mori

1st Navigation Officer and Instructor of Training Ship  
Practical Training Bureau Planning Division, National Institute for Sea Training

Studying at WMU gives me a great opportunity to gain knowledge in the latest Maritime affairs and Maritime Education and Training. In addition, it is also a great chance to develop good relationships with colleagues from 52 different countries. After graduation, I am sure I can contribute to the development of Maritime Education and Training in my country.

Japan  
S14006 (MET)



## Michaëlle Pierre

Legal Counselor, Legal Department  
Service Maritime et de Navigation d'Haiti (SEMANAH)

WMU will give me the possibility to combine theoretical studies with practical skills in maritime law, which will not only enable me to become a good specialist in implementing policies in the maritime sector of my country but also will help me to become a teacher. WMU is also a great place to enhance social networking in the maritime field.

Haiti  
S14060 (MLP)



## Masahiko Okubo

Section Chief  
Maritime Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

By studying at WMU and sharing experiences with my colleagues, I'd like to acquire precise and fundamental information and knowledge related to maritime matters, which will definitely contribute to my administrative skills in international affairs and technical abilities in the maritime sector. Also, I hope relationships among the members of the Sasakawa Fellowship will lead to international cooperation.

Japan  
S14008 (MSEA)



## Abul Kalam Azad Ismath Batcha Sellakkannu

Nautical Surveyor-cum-Dy. DG (Tech), Directorate General of Shipping, Mumbai  
Ministry of Shipping, Government of India.

Studying at WMU in Malmö is a "dream come true" opportunity. I will endeavour to utilise this to the fullest in order to broaden my outlook towards the Maritime sector and the proper functioning of Maritime Administration. I will do my best to acquire further knowledge and skills from my colleagues and Friends of WMU in order to become a better maritime professional. I sincerely hope to apply the acquired knowledge in my day-to-day functioning in order to promote safety at sea.

India  
S14061 (MSEA)



## Revy Mati Malikanzi

Assistant Operations Officer  
Inland Container Depots, Kenya Ports Authority

WMU is a global center of excellence for maritime education and research. I am glad to be a part of it. I want to participate in the development and implementation of maritime education and training curricula for MET institutions in Kenya. MET specialization will equip me with the necessary knowledge and skills to achieve the above mentioned resolution.

Kenya  
S14057 (MET)

# Sasakawa Fellowship, Class of 2014

The Following 22 new Sasakawa Fellowship Students in the class of 2014 have joined the WMU Academic Program in the middle of September, 2013. 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

**SPM:** Shipping & Port Management

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|  <p>Kenya<br/>S14046 (MET)</p>              | <p><b>Julius Matusia Okindo</b><br/>Legal Assistant<br/>Board Secretariat and Legal Services Department, Kenya Maritime Authority</p> <p>The world-class training I will receive at WMU will equip me with the relevant skills and expertise to help me to transform my country's maritime education sub-sector and thus produce highly qualified seafarers for placement nationally and internationally. In addition, I will join a team of highly qualified professionals who are guiding the maritime industry in Kenya.</p> |  <p>Philippines<br/>S14058 (MET)</p>  | <p><b>Charlie Moises Pandongan</b><br/>Assistant Dean<br/>College of Marine Engineering, Philippine Merchant Marine Academy</p> <p>Enhancing my knowledge and capability in the management of maritime education and training is my objective here at WMU, and after my studies, I'm looking forward to applying this to my nominating agency and to various maritime agencies in my home country to further improve the knowledge, understanding and proficiency of Filipino seafarers.</p>   |
|  <p>Liberia<br/>S14049 (MET)</p>           | <p><b>Mulbah Kabedeh Yorgbor, Jr.</b><br/>Manager, Research and Institutional Development<br/>Liberia Marine Training Institute, Liberia Maritime Authority</p> <p>Training and manpower development is one of the single most important initiatives of institutions - public and private. I believe that an advanced degree in Maritime Affairs (MET) places me in a position of responsibility to contribute to the training of competent seamen, which will inevitably contribute to the overall growth of the industry.</p> |  <p>Sri Lanka<br/>S14055 (MSEA)</p>  | <p><b>Nilantha Indika Piyadasa Hapan Tilage</b><br/>Assistant Manager<br/>Technical Division, Marine Environment Protection Authority</p> <p>Sri Lanka plans to develop its maritime sector as one of the main sectors in the economy. Therefore, the knowledge and practical experiences that I gain from WMU are very important to my country. I hope to share my knowledge with our young generation at special universities. Meanwhile, I would like to use this opportunity to build up relationships with students of other countries. It is also important to gain international assistance for my country.</p> |
|  <p>Myanmar<br/>S14011 (MEOM)</p>         | <p><b>Thet Hlaing Swe</b><br/>Instructor<br/>Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering Department<br/>Myanmar Maritime University, Ministry of Transport</p> <p>I am eager to share my acquired knowledge from WMU not only with my students but also with my colleagues in my field. Moreover, I intend to study until, with my advanced knowledge, I can solve the issues concerning the Marine Environment of my country.</p>   |  <p>Sri Lanka<br/>S14045 (MEOM)</p> | <p><b>Imali Udeshika Manikarachchige</b><br/>Lecturer<br/>National Institute of Fisheries and Nautical Engineering of Sri Lanka</p> <p>Even though the ocean is a part of most Sri Lankans' life, as a country, we lack proper knowledge on how to utilize available marine resources. After I complete my postgraduate studies, I will return to Sri Lanka as one of the few people who can actually mitigate the issues of the Sri Lankan coastal belt and encourage its sustainable usage.</p>  |
|  <p>Pakistan<br/>S14062 (MET)</p>         | <p><b>Muhammad Yasir Siddique</b><br/>Staff Officer<br/>Administration, Maritime Security Agency</p> <p>I intend to gain the maximum from this opportunity, by learning from the world-class faculty at WMU, as well as the finest student colleagues from across the globe. I wish to utilize this effectively towards the improvement of the maritime sector of my country and the world.</p>   |  <p>Thailand<br/>S14012 (MSEA)</p>  | <p><b>Tantai Wongsaree</b><br/>Harbour Master<br/>Marine Department Phuket, Ministry of Transport</p> <p>Studying at WMU is a good opportunity to learn new things in the maritime field. I can use the knowledge gained to improve my country and make our standards equal to global ones. At WMU I will have a strong international connection and cooperation from many countries to develop maritime transportation and global safety and the environment.</p>   |
|  <p>Papua New Guinea<br/>S14047 (MLP)</p> | <p><b>Ore Ovia Toua</b><br/>Staff Development and Training Officer<br/>Human Resources Department, National Maritime Safety Authority</p> <p>The Master of Science Program will give me an in-depth knowledge of the industry and teach me how important laws, policies, and programs play a key role in decision-making at an organization like mine. Upon graduating, I will join the Maritime Standards and Enforcement Department and help re-evaluate and update existing policies.</p>                                    |  <p>Viet Nam<br/>S14059 (MSEA)</p>  | <p><b>Trang Thu Pham</b><br/>Deputy Manager<br/>Administration Department, Vietnam MRCC</p> <p>I am the first person of my organization studying at WMU. I believe this great opportunity will definitely enhance my knowledge and skills, especially in maritime safety, which is directly relevant to my job. The international environment at WMU will strengthen cooperation in the maritime field, and I will surely become active in the Sasakawa Fellows' Network.</p>  |

# 9th Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting (9th HACGAM) in Pattaya, Thailand

**Thanatip Jantarapakde**  
(Thailand, 1998)

HACGAM (Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting) is a high level meeting for Coast Guard Agencies in Asian countries. This forum was initiated in 2004 to discuss cooperation to combat piracy. Since then, each Coast Guard Agency has kept on discussing law enforcement, maritime security, disaster prevention and capacity building. There are more than 20 member organizations from 18 countries and one region, which serve 3.6 billion people, consisting of Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, Hong Kong (SAR), with the participation of observers including representatives of the Japan International Cooperation Agency, ReCAAP-ISC and the Japan Association of Marine Safety, within a framework that fully respects the competence and the principle of voluntary engagement of each Coast Guard Agency.

Coast Guard Agencies have long been regarded as an enforcement mechanism essential for the regulation of marine affairs of all nations. Consequently, a forum, where the heads of Coast Guard Agencies in the region come to exchange their knowledge, experiences and views as well as to discuss how to cope with prevailing issues or situations like HACGAM, is welcome to emphasize the role of such agencies in bringing prosperity and peace to the individual countries and that particular region in a broader context.

The 9th HACGAM meeting was co-hosted by the Marine Department of Thailand, the Royal Thai Marine Police and Japan Coast Guard under the auspices of The Nippon Foundation, and was held on October 29-30, 2013, in Pattaya, Thailand. The Meeting agreed to work together proactively on the 5 areas (Pillars) of urgent and common issues that the HACGAM member countries now face, which are search and rescue, environmental protection,



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countermeasures against massive natural disasters, controlling unlawful acts at sea and capacity building, which serve as a basis for improvements in coast guard capacity and to work out a roadmap for this 9th HACGAM and the forthcoming 10th HACGAM.

As the coordinator of the meeting, I had a chance to meet with Mr. Mitsuyuki Unno, Executive Director of The Nippon Foundation and two other WMU Sasakawa Fellows, Ms. Retno Windari (Indonesia, 2001) and Mr. Damrongkiat Kiatopas (Thailand, 2011). I hope that the WMU family working in all maritime areas can continue to support the development of maritime affairs and also other issues, and I look forward to meeting them again in the near future.

## Our prayers go out to our friends affected by Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda)

On November 8th, 2013, a powerful cyclone, Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda), hit the central Philippines, creating tidal waves, extensive damage and wreaking havoc around Leyte island. Many lives were lost, and many people have become victims of the typhoon. We would like to express our condolences to them and our heartfelt sympathy to all those involved, including neighboring countries. We wish for a fast recovery to those affected by the disaster.

The Friends of WMU, Japan Secretariat, via mail and the internet (Social Utility Site), was able to confirm the safety of Fellows living on Leyte Island through the Filipino Sasakawa Fellows. We would like to thank our Fellows for their prompt action.

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## Editor's note

First of all, let me express my deepest sympathy to the people of the Philippines for the loss of life and devastation caused by typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda). It is my earnest hope that the Philippines will recover swiftly from this disaster. I am reminded of the terrible earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan in 2011, when many countries brought us heartwarming support for our recovery. I am grateful for their relief activities and will never forget.

I was really impressed by the first article of this newsletter regarding the African regional conference. I hope their enthusiastic activities will be significant for regional development in

the maritime field. Since I was transferred to the Port State Control Office in Japan last year, I have come across many WMU graduates in meetings such as Tokyo MOU's PSC committee and seminar. The same is true for IMO meetings. I always believe the network of WMU graduates can enhance cooperation among their countries. I greatly appreciate WMU, and I am sure I will maintain this relationship forever. Obviously, it is much more precious than gold.

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