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Our Precious Memories at WMU and with Sasakawa Fellows

The Bruce P. Browne Family

Bruce

As some of you are aware I retired in January 2011 after working at the World Maritime University (WMU), where I had the unique opportunity to serve the worldwide maritime community in my capacity as Registrar and Vice President (Academic Services) for over eighteen years. My retirement will effectively end a 43-year career in international education. During that period I had the chance as a student, United States Peace Corps volunteer, teacher and university administrator to travel to over 80 countries, and to gain living and working experience in seven different countries on four different continents.

This rich international experience has enabled both me and my family to have the good fortune to become exposed to many different types of cultures and to gain a much deeper understanding of what the late Mr. Ryoichi Sasakawa, the founder of The Nippon Foundation, meant when he stated that 'The world is a family, and all humankind are brothers and sisters'.

Over the nearly two decades I worked at WMU, I have witnessed the transformation of the University as it redefined its mission during this period to become an excellent postgraduate university

rather than an excellent training school. Though at times frustrating, the process of restructuring the University's academic programs and procedures has certainly been a worthwhile endeavour, as our students are now insured that the postgraduate education they receive at WMU is of the highest possible quality.

I must confess that what I valued most during my stay at WMU was the rare opportunity to not only work at the University, but to also live in the Henrik Smith residence with a generation of talented young maritime professionals from all corners of the world. I have also been quite fortunate over the last fifteen years to have the chance on thirteen occasions to accompany a total of 327 of the Sasakawa Fellows on their annual field studies programs to Japan. These trips have allowed me to get to know many of the Fellows and Japanese staff members of The Nippon and associated foundations on a very personal basis. We all shared the unique experience of visiting and travelling to many beautiful parts of Japan, which is something I will always treasure.

In addition, my visits to Japan have helped me to pursue my interest in modern Japanese history that developed while undertaking some genealogical research on

my family. I discovered that my great uncle (five generations removed) served as the Fleet Surgeon for Commodore Matthew Perry's black fleet when it sailed into Edo (Tokyo) Bay in July 1853 to start the negotiations that led to the opening of Japan.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude to Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, The Nippon Foundation and the Ocean Policy Research Foundation for the generous support they have provided the University over the years, enabling over 400 Sasakawa Fellows to attend WMU. It is a source of great pride amongst the staff of WMU to see that many of the Fellows who graduate return home to be quickly promoted to senior posts in the maritime industry. Their success sends a strong message to Japan that the money they have generously provided has indeed been a worthwhile investment. I hope the University continues to expand and prosper over the coming decades with ongoing support from Japan, so that many other deserving maritime professionals will have the chance to study at WMU.

In closing, Carmen and I would like to wish you a fond farewell, as we look forward to enjoying the many sights and sounds of sunny Spain in the coming years.



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Farewell Party at the Henrik Smith Hostel



Carmen

I'd like to thank the Friends of WMU Japan for generously offering to publish an article about my living and working experience at WMU. The following article was written by and through the eyes of my oldest daughter Danielle:

Danielle

My father, mother, baby sister Denise and I moved to Sweden in the summer of 1992. Actually, it was July 27 to be exact. We were picked up at the ferry station by a WMU van and sat wide-eyed as we took the short ride to our new "home". As my mother made her way out of the van she looked up at the Henrik Smith Hostel and could hear African music playing out of one of the student's windows. She immediately thought to herself, "I'm going to be OK here, this place seems like fun."

What she felt at that moment was a connection to a stranger via the power of music. Moving to Malmö in 1992 meant moving to an all-Caucasian world, and hearing that African music made her, a Honduran woman, feel at home. Her destiny was set and she didn't even know it yet.

As the months went by, our family, and especially my mother and sister, were exposed to the lifestyles of Swedes and WMU students. While the Swedes were harder to get to know (due to language barriers and the fact that we didn't live among them) the students shared our home, which included our corridors, our laundry room and our "front yard". Little by little people began to find out that Carmen was Bruce Browne's wife and little by little they would come knocking on our door.

Throughout all of those years that we lived there I remember vividly how each



night our dinner would be interrupted by the sound of a student knocking on our door. Not once did my mother complain. Some of them came because their stomach hurt (and they needed medicine), had locked themselves out of their rooms, or because they had a toothache. A few even came because they thought their wives were about to go into labor and have a baby, and many more came as they needed a shoulder to cry on or a hug from "Mom," because they missed their families. No matter why they came, my mother would open our door with a smile, ready to do whatever it took to make sure that they left our place with a smile of their own.

Somewhere along this journey someone at WMU came up with the great idea to hire my mother to assist in managing the hostel. It is hard for me to write her official title: Assistant Hostel Manager. It is hard because I never saw her as an assistant. The loyalty with which I watched my mother take care of the students' needs, greet visitors, look after the cleaning staff, give away her own dishes, clothes, plates and food to students in need, make healthy connections with the Swedish City Officials that worked with her – it was so much. No. It was more; it was too much to just call her an Assistant.

During all of her years at the hostel, working for WMU, my mother always mentioned how much she was grateful for being given the chance to work with

people from all over the world. How wonderful it was to be able to help people (the students) and how much she was learning from them every day. And learn she did. She learned how to use a soft voice when speaking to a shy student about a delicate matter. She learned how to use humor when dealing with a student who didn't like taking orders from a woman. She learned how to give away food or clothes to people without ever making anyone feel like it was charity. She learned how to keep a secret and how to stand up to men twice her size.

Of all of the things that she learned, I am sure that what she is most proud of is learning how to live and get along with people from so many different countries. There are many skills that one can pick up from working, but there are not many jobs that offer you the chance to perfect your skills as a diplomat. I consider my mother to be a diplomat of the highest degree. Her job is not an easy one, and it takes a person with tremendous sensitivity to do what she does.

So I will close this short article by saying that my sister and I were lucky to have been brought up by a woman that people from around the globe have called "Mom". I am proud of her loyalty, bravery and open-mindedness. Thank you, Mom, you have taught me and the WMU students more than you'll ever know.

Directors' Meeting of Asian Maritime Security Organizations

Tomoya Shimizu (Japan, 2004)



Right: Zhang Wei



With support from The Nippon Foundation, the Japan Coast Guard and the China Maritime Safety Administration, the 6th Directors' Meeting of Asian Maritime Safety Organizations was held in Shanghai in October 2010 to further efforts to promote a cooperative framework of 23 organizations in 17 Asian countries and one region. The Japan Association of Maritime Safety, which I belong to, participated as the managing organization of the meeting. With the objective of strengthening cooperation between the maritime safety organizations in the Asian region, the Directors' Meeting of Asian Maritime Safety Organizations has been held annually since 2004. Prior to the meeting of the directors, a meeting of the administrators of the respective organizations was held at the same venue on October 14.

Comprised of the members of ASEAN, Far East Asia, and Western Asia, the participating countries cover a wide geographical area. Described in the simplest terms, Asia is a vast area of extremely diverse cultures in every aspect, including customs, religion, language, race, and diet. The total population of the participating countries is approximately 3.7 billion, which is more than half the world's population. Despite their strikingly different backgrounds, these countries must mutually accept their respective differences and foster a common understanding in order to achieve the ideal of "beautiful oceans and safe navigation."

Although this meeting was initially established as a venue for discussing how

maritime safety organizations in the Asian region could cooperate in responding to frequently occurring incidents of piracy in the straits of Malacca and Singapore, as the meetings progressed, the members took up as a topic of discussion forming a cooperative training framework to strengthen their capacity to respond to criminal maritime acts. In efforts to strengthen information sharing, the most recent meeting undertook the collection and collation of capacity building lists, which summarize capacity improvement measures implemented by the member countries to date, as well as lists of their liaison offices.

As the manager of the International Department of the Japan Association of Maritime Safety, I was responsible for the management of the meeting. Because it was to take place in Shanghai on this occasion, we were to receive the cooperation of the Shanghai Maritime Safety Administration. Therefore, I had to hold discussions with the Shanghai side regarding planning and coordination. It just so happened, however, that the Hai Xun 21, a patrol boat from the China Maritime Safety Administration, called into Yokohama to attend the Japan Coast Guard inspection parade in May. When I made a courtesy visit to that vessel, I had a chance reunion with Zhang Wei, one of my classmates from the Sasakawa Fellowship, whom I had not seen in 6 years. After this meeting, I then proceeded with coordination work while seeking assistance from Zhang Wei in the organization of a preliminary meeting and other arrangements. We then

invited representatives of the respective maritime safety organizations to Shanghai during the Shanghai World Exposition. With Executive Director Nagamitsu of The Nippon Foundation in attendance, we conducted the preliminary meeting with an administrators' meeting and a directors' meeting, attended by representatives of the various maritime safety organizations.

Many WMU graduates were among the attendees, and I was once again impressed by the role WMU plays in the world's maritime transport and, in that context, the lives of the Sasakawa Fellows. As a representative of the Chinese delegation, Zhang Wei gave a presentation at the administrators' meeting. In the course of the meeting a number of participants including Vice Commandant Liwag of the Philippine Coast Guard, also a Sasakawa Fellow, recognized my necktie and came up to me to tell me that they were also graduates.

In 2011 we plan to hold both an administrators' meeting and a directors' meeting in Hanoi, Vietnam in June and October respectively. As a new topic in our discussions this year we plan to shift our focus from cooperation on human resource development to responding to illegal activities at sea. Again I intend to take charge of managing the meeting in the same capacity as I did last year. In the same way, I would also be very pleased to be able to again meet many WMU graduates and Sasakawa Fellows from the Asian region. I also look forward to the success of both of the upcoming meetings.

Marine Accident Investigators' Forum in Asia

Toru Eguchi (Japan, 2009)

The year of 2010 could be another milestone in the enhancement of safety at sea as the IMO Casualty Investigation Code came into effect and a part of the Code became mandatory under the SOLAS Convention in January this year. The Code requires States to conduct safety investigations into marine casualties or marine incidents, in cooperation with other substantially interested States, and submit investigation reports to IMO as well as make them available to the public and the maritime industry.

Recognizing the importance of implementing the Code, the Japan Transport Safety Board hosted a forum for marine accident investigators in Asia, held in Tokyo on October 6-7, under the support of the Ocean Policy Research Foundation. The purpose of the forum was to

promote better understanding of the Code and to develop international cooperation among investigators. It was a great pleasure for us to welcome the chairman of MAIIF (the Marine Accident Investigators' International Forum) and participants from 13 administrations, especially Mr. Pitak Wattanapongpisal (Thailand, 1999). I'm really happy that I had a chance to meet Sasakawa Fellows again, as I have on every occasion like this meeting, allowing us all to work together.

During the meeting, we exchanged views and shared our knowledge and experiences through discussions on investigation systems used by each administration, actual cases of major marine accidents, and other issues related to the implementation of the Code. We also visited the Japan Radio Co., Ltd., a marine electronics



Right: Pitak Wattanapongpisal

manufacturer, where they gave us a demonstration of the Voyage Data Recorder, a most crucial device that helps investigators reconstruct accidents.

What we seek through safety investigation is to learn from accidents and to raise safety issues for future prevention, and cooperation is a key factor in our success. I hope this meeting promotes mutual understanding and cooperation among investigators, and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to OPRF for their support, to the participants for their contributions, and to all those who assisted us in hosting this fruitful forum.

Bridge Team Management

Tomonori Okamura
(Japan, 2002)



Photo Credit: Marine Technical College

The requirements for bridge resource management (BRM) were adopted in the mandatory code in the STCW Manila Amendments adopted in June 2010.

What then is BRM? BRM is a system for promoting optimal use of available resources on a ship's bridge as a means of reducing mistakes, preventing human error, and improving communications through the improvement of the man-machine interface to ultimately prevent accidents on ships.

There is a general perception that BRM training requires the introduction of a full mission ship-maneuvering simulator, which is very costly. However, it is BTM that requires

the mandatory use of a simulator. While a simulator may be used for BRM, it is not mandatory. This is because training using a full mission ship-maneuvering simulator is not mandatory under the revised STCW Convention and its code (excluding the RADAR-ARPA simulator).

Of course, a simulator is useful for recreating appropriate scenarios for training purposes. According to the STCW Convention, however, it is acceptable for MET-institutions without full mission ship-maneuvering simulators to incorporate aspects of BRM training into their existing training programs. During both classroom lectures and shipboard

training, a sound, systematic study of the human elements from a BRM perspective is essential.

Highly skilled captains with long experience at sea have until now acquired the essentials of BRM through what we refer to as "seamanship" during their early years. Today we should probably consider BRM as a clearly defined part of the broad concept of seamanship that has been incorporated into formal training. If we could develop better education and training methods and widely share them in the international arena, we could probably contribute significantly to the prevention of accidents.

Security concerns for the Seafarer

Carolyn Graham
(Jamaica, 2008)



Wire netting to prevent unauthorized access in port area

"2010: The Year of the Seafarer" has ended, and there is due cause to reflect on the life of seafarers and the progress that has been made to secure their welfare. From all indications progress has been slow, and seafarers continue to carry out their duties in situations that threaten their well-being, their livelihood and at times their lives.

The world of the seafarer is an insecure one on a number of levels. Security concerns for them include piracy, criminalization, abandonment, denial of customary right to shore leave, and an overall poor welfare system. These concerns place additional pressures on the seafarer in an already demanding environment and have implications for mental and physical health. Security concerns for the seafarer should therefore be discussed within the context of "human security," where the individual's safety

and freedom are protected from threats. These threats include issues of health care, human rights and other psycho-social concerns, as well as more traditional concerns for the protection of the seafarer from criminal activities such as terrorism, theft or espionage. As such, seafarers' security goes beyond traditional notions of security.

Seafarers' security (or insecurity) impacts the overall health of the human side of shipping. The solution lies in a holistic approach, as well as active participation by seafarers in promoting their security. The shipping community still needs to be reminded that seafarers are a valuable part of the whole maritime structure, and their security is necessary to achieve overall security within the industry. The hope is that the security concerns facing seafarers will become central in all deliberations.

The Maritime Labour Convention 2006 is

seeking to address one element of these concerns, that of their welfare (particularly working and living conditions), but it is progressing slowly. The ISPS Code protects, by default, the seafarer to some extent from acts of terrorism, as it is assumed that if ships and ports are safe then the seafarer is likewise safe. However, it is through this same instrument that seafarers are denied the customary right to shore leave in a number of countries. Additionally, piracy on the high seas is yet to be addressed effectively, and criminalization is proving difficult to address, as States are determined to punish for pollution incidents whether or not the seafarer is responsible. More urgency is needed from the wider shipping community to develop and implement measures to protect the most valuable, yet the most vulnerable element in shipping, the seafarer.

Sincere Appreciation for Fellows' Swift Gathering

Sharing Wonderful Memories in Hanoi

Trinh Quang Tuan
(Vietnam, 2001)



At noon on Oct 31st 2010, Mr Yohei Sasakawa, the chairman of The Nippon Foundation – one of the world's largest philanthropic organizations – met with sixteen Vietnamese alumni of the World Maritime University at the Nikko Hotel in Hanoi, Vietnam. All the Vietnamese alumni were very happy even though this was the second chance to meet Mr Sasakawa and The Nippon Foundation delegates, the first time coming in Dec 2003. These alumni are presently working in the maritime field in Vietnamese Government agencies, the Vietnam Maritime University, the Vietnam Register, the Vietnam Maritime Administration, and ports and shipping companies. They are contributing to the development of their organizations and

their beloved country with knowledge gained from different Master's Degree programs at WMU. Thanks to the support of Mr Sasakawa and the Foundation.

Mr Dang Van Uy – present Rector of the Vietnam Maritime University – on behalf of all alumni sponsored by The Nippon Foundation – reported to Mr Sasakawa on the present employment and performance of all alumni who are applying knowledge learnt to actual jobs. They have made friends not only with countrymen in their own field, but also with foreigners in other fields during business trips out of Vietnam. The friendships created at WMU link all alumni to a harmonized world, whether at work or not, allowing for many exchanges. All participants shared fond

memories and fun at a wonderful lunch before Mr Sasakawa had to leave on another charity trip.

Mr Dang Van Uy expressed everyone's heartfelt gratitude to Mr Sasakawa and the Foundation for their support of Vietnamese students in their studies, improving their necessary skills. Mr Uy also thanked Mr Sasakawa for spending some of his valuable time to visit Vietnam, presenting him with a small gift and wishing him and his family good health and happiness. This visit made all the alumni realize how much they owe Mr Sasakawa and The Nippon Foundation for their hospitality and nurturing along their career paths, no matter how long ago they left WMU.

Interlinking with SYLFF and API in Malaysia

Khairul Tazril Tarmizi
(Malaysia, 2010)



It was still fresh from my return from the World Maritime University (WMU), when I received an email from the Ocean Policy Research Foundation informing me about Mr. Sasakawa's visit to Malaysia. Personally, I thought that this would be a great opportunity, not only for me but for all WMU Sasakawa Fellows in Malaysia. Eight of us moved our schedules around to meet with Mr. Sasakawa on November 22nd, 2010 at the Nikko Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, as it was rather easy for those of us based in the city, in terms of arranging time, as compared to other Fellows scattered all over the country. Had we been given earlier notice, I believe a larger number of us could happily have turned up to meet with Mr. Sasakawa.

The meeting was very warm and friendly, not only among WMU Sasakawa Fellows, but

also with other fellowship recipients, namely the Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (SYLFF) and the Asian Public Intellectual Fellowship Program (API). Both fellowships are also supported by The Nippon Foundation. The fact that the meeting was also meant to gather the three different fellowship recipients of the Malaysian Chapter was a great idea. Such an opportunity has allowed all of us to expand our connections not only among professionals from our own field but also from a wide pool of experts, and has definitely benefited each and every one of us in one way or another.

Mr. Sasakawa in his speech expressed his

gratitude to all of us who attended the meeting. And other things, he highlighted the need to keep in close contact with this network established through all of these fellowships supported by The Nippon Foundation, since it is very vital, if not now, then in the very near future. He also talked about all the future plans of The Nippon Foundation, which are going to be implemented globally as continuous support towards the world's sustainable development programs.

He finally expressed his sincere thanks to the Government of Malaysia for awarding him the 'Tan Sri' title, which is conferred by His Majesty, The King.

New Members of WMU Sasakawa Fellowship, Class of 2011

 <p>Bangladesh S11001 (PM)</p>	<p>Alim Fazley Mohammad Engineer, Mechanical, Chittagong Port Authority</p> <p>To be a true leader, one must earn it through knowledge. It is great that the most talented people of this era are gathered here at WMU to share their customs, cultures, experiences and understanding. This is a world where everyone can take advantage of opportunities, and by sharing with each other we gain confidence. We should continue to grow to make this a better world.</p>	 <p>India S11066 (MLP)</p>	<p>Mittal Rajesh Commandant (JG), Indian Coast Guard, Ministry of Defence, Government of India</p> <p>I hope to acquire maximum knowledge during the MSc program at the World Maritime University and apply this knowledge to my professional assignments with the Indian Coast Guard. It would be a privilege to be an alumnus of WMU. I also look forward to actively participate and strengthen the close networking amongst Sasakawa Fellows, which in itself is a great source of knowledge.</p>
 <p>Bangladesh S11026 (MLP)</p>	<p>Rahman Tabibur Md Special Officer Marine Safety and Executive Magistrate, Department of Shipping, Ministry of Shipping</p> <p>The WMU MSc program is a well-organized study plan which will give me the unique opportunity to get acquainted with maritime laws, conventions and protocols. I would like to enrich my knowledge of maritime affairs and improve my writing and presentation skills. After graduating from WMU, I would like to put into action the effect of IMO conventions in my national legislation. I shall also try to upgrade the efficiency of the maritime sector of my country in my official capacities.</p>	 <p>India S11080 (PM)</p>	<p>Rathod Singh Giriraj Deputy Secretary, Secretary, Mumbai Port Trust</p> <p>At WMU, I first intend to gain a good grasp of the nuances concerning efficient management of ports. Later, my desire is to effectively modify this knowledge base to suite the local conditions of my port, and then share it amongst my colleagues, not only to improve the system but to make my port an attractive destination for sea trade.</p>
 <p>Fiji S11098 (MET)</p>	<p>Waqa Isikeli Lecturer, Marine Engineering, School of Maritime Studies, Fiji National University</p> <p>My immediate resolution while doing the MSc course here in Malmö, Sweden would be to be successful in the program by attaining the highest possible marks in all the subjects and learning as much as possible. The qualification gained would be used back home in Fiji in the courses I will be lecturing and also to develop new courses in marine engineering at the School of Maritime Studies.</p>	 <p>Indonesia S11023(PM)</p>	<p>Nurjannah Amin Assistant for Head of Administration Section, Directorate of Port and Dredging, Ministry of Transportation</p> <p>Studying at WMU gives me both educational and practical knowledge, in a professional and a scientific manner. Moreover, WMU is also a great place to learn about other cultures. Therefore, I will use this opportunity to prepare myself with an integrated knowledge in maritime affairs and to build a strong network. Subsequently, I will contribute to improve maritime transportation in my country through my institution.</p>
 <p>Ghana S11061 (MSEA)</p>	<p>Laryea Eric Dallas Lecturer/Captain, Maritime Safety Department, Regional Maritime University</p> <p>It is my outmost determination to explore and gain all possible knowledge concerning maritime safety and the marine environment in order to assist in training needed human resources in my home country, Ghana. This is even more vital as Ghana has just started deep-sea oil drilling and exploration. Also the global network I would have upon graduating from WMU would be something I would hold dear.</p>	 <p>Indonesia S11089 (SM)</p>	<p>Rional Gus Staff, Directorate of Navigation, Directorate General of Sea Transportation - Ministry of Transportation</p> <p>As an university established under the auspices of IMO, studying at WMU offers broad knowledge and firsthand experience from experts in the maritime field throughout the world. These will give me ample knowledge in my line of work. International interactions at WMU also promote global cooperation in the future and should be cherished.</p>
 <p>Honduras S11043(MLP)</p>	<p>Castillo Luis Claudio Lawyer, Legal Department, National Port Authority</p> <p>Attending such a prestigious Institution as WMU is a magnificent opportunity, one that I will certainly make the most of. The specialized knowledge that I will acquire here will be a great asset when performing my duties as a professional, and I am sure it will enable me to make significant contributions to my organization and my country.</p>	 <p>Japan S11034 (MSEA)</p>	<p>Yamane Sachiko Education and Training Division, Administrative Department, Japan Coast Guard</p> <p>I know that maritime fields are very internationalized from my experience as a coast guard officer. And for my job, I strongly feel that I should have a broader perspective to deal with work related to international issues. After graduation, I would like to make good use of my studies and experience at WMU in the future not only for my country but also for others.</p>
 <p>India S11009 (PM)</p>	<p>Choudhary Krishna Gopal Section Officer, Ministry of Shipping,</p> <p>Studying at WMU is a great opportunity for me to enhance my knowledge of the world maritime sector as well as interact with students in the maritime field from all over the world. After graduation, I will try to convey the knowledge and exposure gained here to my colleagues and subordinates, with the intention of serving our institution and nation as a team, to achieve the goal of cleaner oceans and safer ships.</p>	 <p>Myanmar S11005 (MEOM)</p>	<p>Aung Kyaw Moe Demonstrator, IT Department, Myanmar Maritime University</p> <p>Because Myanmar Maritime University provides marine environment-related subjects, Marine Environmental and Ocean Management plays a vital role at our university. Our nation possesses 3060km of coastal area and a very long river, the Ayeyarwady, which is the life blood of our national economy. That's why, in order to preserve our coastal environment and precious rivers, Marine Environmental and Ocean Management helps to fulfill the needs of our nation.</p>

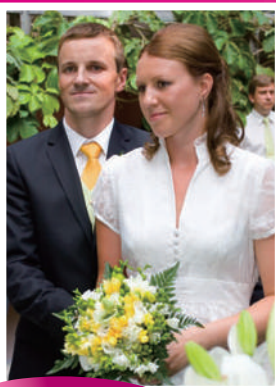
The Following 24 new Sasakawa Fellowship Students in the class of 2011 have joined the WMU Academic Program early October, 2010. These students are experts in their own right and expected to excel in their chosen maritime courses under the stringent supervision of the best experts in the world in the maritime field. Upon the completion of their courses, their new knowledge and skills shall contribute further to enhance their countries' maritime community.

Major List

MEOM (Marine Environmental & Ocean Management)
MET (Maritime Education and Training)
MLP (Maritime Law and Policy)
MSEA (Maritime Safety and Environmental Administration)
PM (Port Management)
SM (Shipping Management)

 <p>Myanmar S11075(SM)</p>	<p>Nyein Ei Phyu Lecturer, IT Department, Myanmar Mercantile Marine College</p> <p>WMU not only gives its students invaluable knowledge in maritime affairs but also offers different cultures, different knowledge and a different environment. After getting my Master's Degree, I will go back to my country in order to share my precious knowledge with future generations and colleagues as well, as a lecturer. Myanmar Mercantile Marine College breeds well-trained and qualified officers and seafarers annually. That's why our lecturers must have a lot of knowledge to train them, and that's why I am persevering in my studies.</p>	 <p>Philippines S11088 (MSEA)</p>	<p>Sibal Asistores Jedini Nur Shipping Operations Specialist, Maritime Safety Office, Maritime Industry Authority</p> <p>Acquiring advanced knowledge in maritime affairs, particularly in the field of maritime safety and environmental protection, is my main objective in pursuing MSEA. WMU is an institution that can provide me with the knowledge and experience which can make me an effective and efficient public servant and best serve the interests of my country, particularly our domestic maritime sector, when I go back.</p>
 <p>Nigeria S11085 (MLP)</p>	<p>Semnoe Gurumyen Geoffrey Senior Legislative Aide, House Committee on Marine Transport, National Assembly, Abuja, Nigeria</p> <p>I wish to add great value to the quality of legislative instruments on maritime issues in Nigeria. This I will do through incisive analysis of proposed bills and by encouraging the domestication of IMO conventions, especially the 'Green conventions'. Also, to become an active Sasakawa Fellow by contributing articles and participating in workshops.</p>	 <p>Sri Lanka S11050 (MEOM)</p>	<p>Gunasekara Jagath Mendis Agampodi Assistant Manager (Operations), Ministry of Environment, Marine Environment Protection Authority</p> <p>Ever since I joined the Marine Environment Protection Authority, I have dreamed of attending the World Maritime University. Now, I'm sure that I can acquire new skills and the necessary knowledge about shipping and the marine environment. It will be advantageous to my organization as well as to my country. Henceforth, WMU will give me a great chance to contribute to the development of my nation.</p>
 <p>Pakistan S11069 (MEOM)</p>	<p>Muhammad Idrees Education Officer, Pakistan Marine Academy Karachi, Ministry of Port and Shipping</p> <p>The main purpose of my coming is to get updated on new trends in the maritime field. Since WMU is a subsidiary of UNO, I think this is the right place to be. My specialization, MSEA, is not so well-established in my country, so one of my hopes is to act as a pioneer in that field. That is why I intend to do a Phd in due course. Since my association is with PMA, one of my first tasks is to transfer this valuable knowledge to the next generation of cadets in Pakistan to contribute to a safe marine environment.</p>	 <p>Thailand S11016 (MSEA)</p>	<p>Kiatopas Damrongkiat Navigator (Operational Level), Marine Department, Ministry of Transport of Thailand</p> <p>I will try my best to learn the latest theories and technologies from WMU regarding safety, security and the environment. After graduation, I will transfer this knowledge to students at my maritime institution. Then, I intend to apply the invaluable knowledge from WMU to develop and improve maritime regulations in my country to meet international standards.</p>
 <p>Philippines S11011 (MET)</p>	<p>Denzon Quismundo Jose Romualdo Faculty, Engine Section, Maritime Training Division, National Maritime Polytechnic</p> <p>Being a mentor in the only government-owned training center in my country, one of the things that I wish to learn and acquire at WMU are ships' latest innovations and technology. These may vary, but are not limited to Power Management Systems. All knowledge, skills, and information obtained will unselfishly be shared with my students back home.</p>	 <p>Vietnam S11073 (SM)</p>	<p>Nguyen Thuy Duong Executive, Commerce and Planning Division, PetroVietnam Coal Import & Supply Company</p> <p>After 14 months at WMU, I hope to bring back to my country not just knowledge about the shipping industry and useful skills in some specific aspects supporting my career, but also invaluable experiences drawn from a dynamic and internationally diversified learning environment, which eventually will aid in my organisation's development.</p>
 <p>Philippines S11047 (MET)</p>	<p>Erese Carino Virvic Paul Maritime Industry Dev't. Specialist II, Maritime Manpower Dev't. Division, Manpower Development Office, Maritime Industry Authority</p> <p>Education is a continuing process, and the opportunity to be educated at a higher level at a prestigious maritime institution such as WMU that will not just improve my whole being but more importantly my future contributions in the field of courses/training programs development, among others, whose beneficiaries are Filipino seafarers and the whole Philippine maritime industry.</p>	 <p>Vietnam S11091(SM)</p>	<p>To Thi Bich Ngoc Lecturer, Ho Chi Minh City University of Transport</p> <p>I strongly believe that the practical knowledge and experience I gain will not only strengthen my career path but also play an important role in improving the level of maritime education in our university as well as that of our country. Moreover, studying at WMU gives me the opportunity to enhance international friendships and the social network in the maritime field, which is definitely an advantage to all of us in the future.</p>
 <p>Philippines S11082 (MEOM)</p>	<p>Roldan Endique Ivan Coast Guard Officer, Marine Environmental Protection Command, Philippine Coast Guard</p> <p>While at WMU, I will do my utmost to gain greater knowledge in the field of Marine Environmental Protection and Ocean Use Management. This endeavor is in line with the Philippine Coast Guard's current objective on continuous enhancement of rules pertaining to Marine Pollution Prevention in the Country, particularly on regulations for mobile offshore drilling units and the development of appropriate national contingency plans for hazardous and noxious substances.</p>	 <p>Vietnam S11093(PM)</p>	<p>Tran Thi Anh Tam Lecturer, Faculty of Transport Economics, Ho Chi Minh City University of Transport</p> <p>Making the best of studying at WMU, I am determined to grasp the latest know-how and in-depth knowledge in the maritime industry so that I can be a good contributor to my country's education after graduation. At the same time, making friends with other colleagues is one way to find the same voice in solving global-scale issues together.</p>

Happy Wedding



Nelli Rünk (Estonia, 2008)

I am very happy to announce that I got married on August 6th, 2010. My husband and I have been friends for many years and after a few years of dating decided to take the next step in our lives and get married. The wedding ceremony was held at the Town Hall and it consisted of filing a civil registration form and listening to a beautiful speech from the registration officer. The ceremony was followed by a traditional wedding party, which lasted for more than eight hours and had many tests and traditional games for the newlyweds. The picture was taken during the

wedding ceremony at the Town Hall.

We are very thankful to our family and friends for all their support. Also, we are especially thankful to my friends from WMU, to Su Nam Kim (South-Korea), Lynn Bakar (Malaysia), and Ricardo Rendon (Ecuador) for taking the trouble to fly all the way to Estonia just to be there with us on this special occasion. And we thank the many friends who kindly sent us heart-warming messages and gifts for our wedding.



Özlem Mulun (Turkey, 2007)

I graduated from the World Maritime University in October 2007, and was awarded an MSc degree in Maritime Affairs, with a specialization in Maritime Law & Policy. WMU gave a magic touch to my life and offered many things regarding education, career, friendship, different places and cultures. With this regard, I am very thankful to Mr. Sasakawa for giving me this opportunity to have this experience. Career-wise, I am still working for the Turkish Maritime Administration and try to convey my knowledge to my work.

As for my private life, I would like to share with my friends from WMU that I got married on October 30th, 2010. My husband is a doctor and a friend of mine from high school. After many years we found each other again and decided to get married. I am very happy and would like to take this opportunity to thank him for being such an important part of my life.

My sincerest regards to all WMU Graduates and the "Friends of WMU, Japan" Secretariat, Ocean Policy Research Foundation.

Treasuring Our New "Life"



Fernando Bustamante (Mexico, 2004)

The last time I was on Swedish land was on October 2004. It was more than six years ago and the memories of WMU are still very fresh; an unforgettable time full of experiences, learning and good friends. All possible thanks to OPRF and Mr. Sasakawa, to whom I will always be grateful. Now, thanks to the knowledge acquired, I am a proud professional in the maritime industry, working for Hutchison Port Holdings Mexico in the management, planning and construction of new container terminals, contributing to the development of the port sector in my country.

During my stay in WMU, I had the fortune to be

in company of Claudia, my wife, who many of my colleagues had the chance to meet and who was well cared for by them. It was in Malmö where we got married, in an amazing wedding organized by our international WMU friends, and now, after six years of marriage, I am happy to share with you that we are proud parents of our first child, Zoe (meaning "life" in Greek) a beautiful girl one and a half years old.

It is extremely good and useful to have this Newsletter that we can keep in contact and be updated with the latest news of the Friends of WMU, Japan. I am always at your service if you need something in Mexico for which I can be useful.

Condolences



Dr. Nils Stormby passed away on December 9th, 2010, and Funeral Services were held on Dec. 23rd in Malmö, Sweden. He was the former Honorable Consulate General of Japan (1999-2008) in Sweden, and was awarded "The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon". He contributed greatly to the constructive relationship between WMU and Japan.

Editor's note

I am currently taking part in the IMO STW 42 Sub-committee meeting. The comprehensive revision of the STCW Treaty that sets the standards for seamen's training and education was concluded at the Diplomatic conference held in Manila, and awaits its effectuation on January 1, 2012.

The Conference was joined by numerous WMU graduates from many countries who took an active interest and took part in the conference. I have reported in the No. 32 Editor's Note how OPRF hosted a very successful convivial party for all participants so that they could get to know each other better.

I was happy to meet 7 graduates whom I know personally at this STW42. Students study for 2 years so I do not get to know all of them, but the moment I walked in they all included me as a WMU family member. I noted with interest that since graduates do not wear the WMU ties with its logo or scarves and rings they used as students, they did not always recognize each other as fellow graduates and often had to begin with somewhat formal greetings at first.

Watching this scene, I had an idea. Perhaps we should make a pin or a badge that can be worn by both men and women so that Sasakawa Fellows will be able to recognize each other. Perhaps this small symbol could be a key to thaw the "formalities" that accompany international conventions.

Prof. Toshio Hikima (Marine Technical College)

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