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Dress in Formal, but Frank Atmosphere

Kyaw Zeya (Myanmar, 1996)

From 1989 to 2009, the total number of Myanmar Sasakawa Fellows has risen to 24. Of these, 3 Fellows are still studying at WMU, 10 have retired from Government service and are working abroad, and the rest are working at the Ministry of Transport in Myanmar, contributing their efforts to relevant maritime sectors. Since the first meeting in 2003, these 14 Myanmar Sasakawa Fellows were lucky to have a pleasant meeting with Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, the chairman of The Nippon Foundation, on February 7th, 2009, during his stay in Myanmar.

Filled with excitement and anticipation, we gathered at the lobby of Traders Hotel at 19:30 that day. All of a sudden, we were surprised to see Mr. Sasakawa, wearing a traditional Myanmar suit, looking very pleasant and smart.

Upon his kind invitation to join him for dinner that night, we all enjoyed the wonderful food as well as the nice conversation. Captain Soe Lwin, the first Sasakawa Fellow from Myanmar, expressed his deepest thanks to Mr. Sasakawa on behalf of all Myanmar Fellows, stating that we are all doing our best to provide the invaluable knowledge and experience we've received to our respective maritime sectors effectively, and to do whatever good we can for maritime development in any sector.

Actually, we were all wearing the formal Myanmar suit, but the conversation all through dinner was fun, frank and informal.

My soul, too, was filled with good feelings reflecting the friendly and frank atmosphere. I felt a great sense of gratitude to this great person for his efforts to fulfill Myanmar's need to harness marine resources. Mr. Sasakawa's contribution will not only benefit Myanmar's maritime sector but will help develop the country as well.

Our meeting came to an end at about 22:00. We concluded it by giving our best regards to Mr. Sasakawa and hoping that we would have the chance to meet him again in the future.



Building a Solid Foundation for our network

-Thailand, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, the Maldives-

Maldives

Sri Lanka

Bangladesh

Thailand

Friends of WMU, Japan Secretariat Ocean Policy Research Foundation

Following the successful WMU Sasakawa Fellow Network Meeting in the Southeast Asian Region in February, 2009, we, OPRE, felt the need to organize another Network Meeting in the South Asian Region to encourage greater networking. Eiji Sakai and Shinichi Ichikawa, staff members of the Friends of WMU, Japan Secretariat, were sent to Asian countries from March 11 to 19 to meet with the Fellows and learn about their activities since graduation. Finding out how much the Internet was being used and how newsletters were delivered was important homework for arranging the forthcoming regional network meeting.

On March 11, we made an overnight stop in Bangkok where we were welcomed by 8 Thai Sasakawa Fellows. We enjoyed catching up. It was another of those occasions when we felt the importance of communication as the basis for networking.

The next day, we met with 4 Sasakawa Fellows residing in Dhaka, Bangladesh. We had not met them before, but we were overwhelmed by their heartwarming hospitality.

On March 13, we arrived in Chittagong and were met again by 4 Sasakawa Fellows, all working in maritime-related fields. They had arranged a very exciting field tour for us starting with the Chittagong Ship Breaking Yards, Chittagong Port, and the Chittagong Dry Dock, as well as a special tour of the ship, M.T. Banglar Shourabh.

Two days later, we arrived in Colombo, the capital of Sri Lanka, where the South Asian Networking Meeting is to take place. We were met by 4 Sri Lankan Fellows and sat down to discuss the forthcoming meeting. While there are 7 Sasakawa Fellows in Sri Lanka, 3 are now living overseas. We hope very much they can participate in the network meeting scheduled next year.

On March 17, we landed in the Maldives. Mr. Naeem (2003) and his colleague met us at the airport and took us promptly to meet his boss, Mr. Imad, the Managing Director of the Maldives Port Authority, to request his cooperation for the networking meeting. Mr. Imad actually graduated from WMU in 1997. Another WMU graduate, Mr. Hilmy in 2005, was also working at the Port Authority. We were impressed again with the breadth and depth of the WMU network.

Until our visit, some of the Sasakawa Fellows from the same country had not met each other. Our visit created a new network between them, an important step towards expanding exchange. For the future, a solid network foundation will be built by increasing communication among the Fellows within the same country, by publishing Fellow news on the website, providing maritime information through newsletters as well as encouraging Fellows to send their news. Encouraging greater face-to-face communication will certainly enhance the effectiveness of networking.

Every year around 25 Sasakawa Fellows graduate from WMU and return to their countries. Encouraging exchange and communication among the growing number of Fellows must certainly be the key to building a future network. The issue should definitely be discussed at the South Asian Networking Meeting scheduled next year.



Bangkok



Dhaka



Chittagong



Malé



Further Broadening Exchanges with the Sasakawa Fellows

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The JETRO Singapore Center Ship-Building Division is co-managed by the Cooperative Association of Japan Shipbuilders and supported by The Nippon Foundation. The scope of its activities covers mainly Southeast and South Asia. Fortunately for me there are many active Sasakawa fellows in the region, who, during my three-year-residency, have been enormously helpful in assisting me in my JETRO studies.

In my last report (No. 19, June 2007) I covered many activities carried out in Indonesia, Thailand, India, Sri Lanka, Vietnam and the Philippines. This time I will follow up by making note of the recent exchanges with the Fellows.

My visit to Bangladesh took place in May, 2007. With little information about the country itself or the maritime organization, I feared it would be difficult to find a contact person. Luckily, however, I was soon to find out there was a well-established and strong network of Sasakawa Fellows and WMU there, since Bangladesh has a highly developed inland waterway and since most of the domestic ships were constructed in the country. Once I found a contact person it was easy for me to find my way to the Ministry of Transport, shipyards and port facilities and expand the network.

In September I was in Malaysia where a Sasakawa Fellow who had been in the employ of the Port Authority used his connections to take me to the Ministry of Transportation and shipyards. His experience in developing a shipyard development plan in the port area under his responsibility while at the Port Authority was a source of useful information and made my visit very meaningful.

In India, a vast sub-continent where local governance was well developed, I needed to have a contact for every region. It was March, 2008 when I visited Visakhapatnam in the middle of the Eastern coast of India. There, our Sasakawa Fellow worked in the Maritime Bureau and his

strong connections with local shipyards and maritime operators was an enormous help in getting me the interviews in the maritime field.

My visit to Cambodia took place in April. I was pleasantly surprised to see how powerful a network can be when the Sasakawa Fellow at the Merchant Marine Department introduced me to relevant persons in his own Department, the Bureau of Ports and the Bureau of Inland Waterways with a single telephone call.

While Mongolia is an inland country, it has a Mongolia Ship Registry in Singapore and a newly established (September, 2007) Mongolia Maritime Administration within the Ministry of Road, Transport and Tourism, mainly under the leadership of a Sasakawa Fellow, indicating the importance placed on maritime policy by the government. I visited Ulaanbaatar in September, 2007, on the occasion of the first anniversary of the establishment of the Administration. With the help of Sasakawa fellow active in the Administration, I was able to observe the many aspects of their successful activities.

In Myanmar where communication using telephone lines, etc., is prone to interruption, it was vital to establish contacts through Sasakawa Fellows. With their cooperation I was able in December to visit the Ministry of Transportation, Myanma Shipyard and Myanmar Maritime University.

During my second visit to Mumbai, Hanoi, Colombo, etc, my friendships with Fellows became stronger.

This report only covers a few of the many times I received help from the Fellows in my extremely meaningful three years of residency. I note with deep respect how the Fellows are pulling their weight in their respective important positions in government institutions.

Lastly, I would like to express my profound gratitude for the generous support given to me by Sasakawa Fellows, The Nippon Foundation and the OPRF.



Technical & Intellectual Contributions to the World Maritime Industry from Asia — ASEF is Willing to Take the Lead —

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What is ASEF?

In recent years, maritime regulations have been continuously reviewed at IMO to enhance maritime safety and protect the marine environment, and there have been many instances where shipbuilding expertise can contribute to such rule-making processes. Based on the common understanding that since Asia is the world's center of shipbuilding it has a lot to contribute to such discussions, the Asian Shipbuilding Experts' Forum for International Maritime Technical Initiative (ASEF) was established in 2007.

The ultimate goal of ASEF is to promote maritime safety and marine environment conservation by pursuing the following goals:

- Establish clear channels of communication and engage in dialogue concerning common matters related to international technical regulations and international standards;
- Enhance mutual understanding among shipbuilding engineers throughout Asia;
- Contribute to IMO works by providing relevant opinions.

The first session of ASEF was held at the Museum of Maritime Science, Tokyo, Japan, from November 15 to 16, 2007. The first session of ASEF was reported in the 22nd issue of the Friends of WMU Japan Newsletter.

2nd Session of ASEF

From November 12 to 13, 2008, the second session of ASEF was held at Cangwon Exhibition Convention Center (CECO), Korea. The forum was organized by The Korea Shipbuilders' Association (KOSHIBA) and advocated by China Association of the National Shipbuilding Industry (CANSI) and the Shipbuilders' Association of Japan (SAJ). The Japan Ship Technology Research Association served as the secretariat of the ASEF. As a secretariat member, I would like to give a brief overview of the results of the second ASEF.

The session was attended by 181 experts from China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam. We discussed international standards for the security of ships and marine environmental protection. There were five specific topics: 1) Goal-based Standard (GBS), 2) Performance Standard for Protective Coatings (PSPC), 3) Air pollution, Greenhouse Gases and Ship Recycling, 4) Ballast Water Management, and 5) Development of ASEF.

GBS

Regarding the new IMO plan, GBS, the report of a pilot panel on the GBS III verification process for MSC was revealed. During the discussion, some issues which could impact the shipbuilding industry, such as net scantling and intellectual property rights (IPR), were identified. It was also emphasized that Asian shipbuilders should offer their opinions to IMO more strongly.

PSPC

A lot of suggestions were introduced based on the preparation for and appreciation of PSPC for dedicated seawater ballast tanks. A strict method was also revealed for a new salinity measurement system. In addition, Corrosion Resistant steel for COT of Crude Oil Tankers was mentioned as a beneficial method for the shipbuilding industry. Participants shared the view that they should cooperate with each other to deal with corrosion issues.

Air Pollution

It was agreed among participants that complying with the new regulations in the amendment of the MARPOL Annex VI was an urgent task for the shipbuilding industry. In the discussion, two

methods of compiling technical documents for obtaining emission certification were introduced and analyzed in detail.

GHG

Regarding greenhouse gas emission from ships, all participants shared the view that the reduction of these emissions from ships is important and that improving ship energy efficiency is vital. Also, a technical discussion on the Energy Efficiency Design Index (EEDI) at IMO was reviewed. From the floor, it was suggested that the shipbuilding industry in Asia can contribute greatly to the IMO works on EEDI by conducting a trial use of the draft Energy Efficiency Design Index guidelines developed by IMO.

Ship Recycling

The requirements of the IMO Ship Recycling Convention were illustrated in depth. What caught the participants' attention was how to develop inventory for existing ships. Some were concerned that this might be impossible because of a lack of information. Therefore, the necessity of early preparation was emphasized and recognized.

Ballast Water Management

The regulations of the Ballast Water Management Convention and the procedures for approval of Ballast Water Treatment Systems (BWTS) were explained, and then the participants were informed of the current developments in BWTS, including the technology for ballast water treatment. The discussion covered a number of issues with regards to BWTS, such as the difficulty of installing BWTS on ships and the effects of chemicals used in BWTS. Participants were especially interested in the time needed to complete ballast water treatment and the necessity of special training to operate BWTS.

Development of ASEF

As mentioned before, the ultimate goal of ASEF is to promote maritime safety and marine environment conservation. To achieve this, the idea had been considered that ASEF would pursue consultative status at IMO and join discussions to contribute to the rule-making by providing relevant expertise on shipbuilding. At this session, it was officially agreed upon that ASEF should aim at obtaining NGO status at IMO and start the process for that purpose. China kindly extended an offer to hold the third ASEF in 2009 in China. This offer was welcomed and appreciated unanimously.

Message to Friends of WMU

It's been my pleasure to give you an overview on what ASEF is, what its purposes are, and the results of the second session. I hope that ASEF will be a precious platform for people who are interested in shipbuilding to develop networks, deepen mutual understanding, and work together to contribute to the sound development of the whole maritime industry. I believe ASEF has huge potential. However, there are many things to be done for ASEF to take off well. You, friends of WMU, have wonderful networks and experiences which can promote collaboration based on common goals. I look forward to seeing you and working together, hopefully at ASEF.



CONFERENCE ON MARITIME MATTERS IN THE 21ST CENTURY at Cardiff University

Johnnie Agustard Borland (Belize, 2007)

I was very surprised when I got an email from Dr. Victor Gekara inviting me to write a paper on maritime security, with the possibility of presenting it at Cardiff University. Dr. Gekara explained that this was to be the 1st SIRC-Nippon fellow Conference on Maritime Matters in the 21st Century. Seeing that it would be a great opportunity as a Nippon fellow to reunite with other fellows and also to write an academic paper, which I hadn't done since WMU, I readily accepted the offer.

So it was back to the library and the internet to research and write. Thank goodness I was very familiar with the subject matter of maritime security, as this is something I live every day. I submitted my abstract on schedule and got some positive feedback. This was the end of September and the paper and power point were due in November. I must admit that it was quite a challenge despite my intimacy with the subject. Dr. Gekara kept me on schedule with his constant reminders, and just like at WMU it was submitted right on schedule.

Things began to get a little complicated when it was time to coordinate the flight arrangements, which were going to be paid for by us but reimbursed by the SIRC. The tickets turned out to be very expensive due to the high cost of fuel at that time. The folks at SIRC did not understand that all flights to the UK had to be routed through the US. There were no direct flights from Belize to the UK. I finally got a cheaper ticket from Belize City via Houston to London. I was told to take the train from London to Cardiff as this would reduce the cost immensely.

After a long delay in Houston and an eight-and-a-half-hour flight we finally arrived in London. Everything was going like clockwork, and in no time I was out of Heathrow and on the bus to Cardiff. I wasn't too bothered by the cold, mid-January temperatures, as I'd already gotten used to that in my 18-month stint in Malmö. The bus was less comfortable than the plane, and it was good to be in Cardiff after a four-hour cramped ride. I called the folks at the SIRC from the bus station, and they told me to take a taxi to the hotel and get some rest, as I was a day early. Cardiff was very beautiful despite the time of year. It kind of reminded me of Malmö. The Holland House Hotel was exquisite. I thought they must be paying a fortune for this. I settled in quickly and found the gym which is always my favourite spot in any place. Later in the afternoon I wandered around the streets of Cardiff in search of a little excitement and found plenty. I kept on thinking how different it was from when I was there eighteen years earlier as an army officer, training on the wet and miserable slopes of the Breckon Beacons.

Ben, my classmate from WMU, arrived the next day, and it sure was good to see him again. We talked for a long time about our families and friends and the good times we had at WMU. I knew he'd been married and had a child from reading the Friends of WMU, Japan Newsletter. I also updated him on my growing family, which had expanded since I left WMU. I also asked about my other friends from Vietnam, especially Khoi.

We took a taxi to Cardiff University the next morning and



from left: Johnnie Agustard Borland (Belize, 2007), Jabeth Jephath A. Dacanay (Philippines, 2003), Ben Dang Nguyen (Vietnam, 2007), Mohab. Mohamoud Abou-Elkawan (Egypt, 2003), Conghua Xue (China, 2003)

arrived there in good spirits. The place was already buzzing with people, and we quickly got acquainted with the key personalities that had made this event possible. I immediately realized that this was a prestigious university, and the caliber of students here was formidable. In fact, it was a little intimidating, but I knew we had no choice but to press on with the task at hand. The conference was attended by all sorts of people from the shipping industry, seafarers, scholars, IMO, and professors. I clearly recalled the first presentation by Ms. Momoko Kitada of Japan on "maintaining women seafarers' gender identities," and I knew she was going to be a hard act to follow. The audience was asking some tough questions and that added to the excitement.

Then, just like that, Ben was saying thanks, and it was my turn to be in the spotlight. I started off well but halfway through embarrassed myself with the remote control. I kind of lost it but quickly recovered and continued the presentation. From the reaction of the audience I knew I would be in for a tough time when it came time for questions. My subject was very controversial, especially when it came to addressing the issues of terrorism. I was merely laying out the facts based on what I knew from experience and the situation we faced from day to day. Drug trafficking was also hot topic, but I was only focusing on the Caribbean and Central America. I took a mauling but got out of there in one piece. In the end we were all friends trying to find a common solution to the challenges we faced in the maritime domain.

I returned to my country feeling very satisfied and grateful for the opportunity to travel to Cardiff and present a paper in front of an educated, experienced and spectacular audience. None of this would have been at all possible had I not been a Nippon fellow. I realized that the fellowship developed at WMU and the ties we shared as fellows and friends was powerful enough to bind us together for a very long time. The new fellows I met at Cardiff were like family. They were very warm and welcoming, which is testament to brotherhood created by The Nippon Foundation.

New Members of WMU Sasakawa Fellowship, Class of 2010

 <p>Bangladesh S10006 (PM)</p>	<p>CHOWDHURY, Asbraf Karim Mobammed Terminal Officer, Traffic Department, Chittagong Port Authority</p> <p><i>My expectations from WMU, the global centre for advanced education, is to achieve the highest practicable standards in the maritime sector, especially in Port Management. After graduating I will transfer the gained expertise to management and colleagues to improve the operational efficiency my of Chittagong Port, the major gateway for the country's trade with the world.</i></p>	 <p>Indonesia S10022 (MSEA)</p>	<p>PRAMANA, Trisandhya Aditya Surveyor, Statutory Division, PT. (Persero) Biro Klasifikasi Indonesia</p> <p><i>I am going to build a strong network among students here in order to fulfill the OPRF mission to build safer ships and cleaner oceans. Making friends will surely enhance for the aim of cooperation among nations. Therefore, I will study hard and apply what I learn here to my own country specifically and to the world in general.</i></p>
 <p>Belize S10057</p>	<p>ROGERS, Rhenese Rhea Staff Officer, National Security Council Secretariat, Ministry of National Security</p> <p><i>I am resolved to explore aspects of maritime safety and security as it affects the waters and coastlines of Belize, to familiarize myself with international laws and standards, to promote legislation and policies to conserve the regional marine environment, and to help develop adequate provisions for the protection of Belize's fragile fishing and marine tourism industries and the use of our beautiful waters for generations to come.</i></p>	 <p>Indonesia S10024 (MSEA)</p>	<p>RIANTINI, Rona Lecturer, Surabaya Shipbuilding State Polytechnic</p> <p><i>I will do my best to study maritime safety and environmental administration here at WMU. I hope I can help increase the quality of education and enhance maritime safety in my country by widening the worldwide network, gaining the latest technology, and understanding global development.</i></p>
 <p>Ethiopia S10044 (MLP)</p>	<p>HABTEMICHAEL, Mulatu Samuel Policy Formulation Expert, Policy & Planning Directorate, Ministry of Transport & Communications</p> <p><i>I am thankful to Mr. Sassakawa, WMU and OPRF for this academic opportunity. In the beautiful city, Malmö, at WMU, I am doing my best to explore and master contemporary maritime policy-frameworks and governing international maritime laws. After graduation, I will be a maritime affairs advisor and researcher for my country as well as for the global industry.</i></p>	 <p>Indonesia S10023 (MEOM)</p>	<p>UTOMO, Budi Prayudi Head, International Cooperation Section Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Republic of Indonesia</p> <p><i>Being granted the Sasakawa Fellowship gives me the possibility to be involved in the recent issues in marine environment conservation and its sustainable uses. It will offer a strong background to implementing a better approach in marine and fisheries management for my country. At WMU, I also have a chance to join in fruitful interactions, which is invaluable in promoting international cooperation for the future.</i></p>
 <p>India S10039 (PM)</p>	<p>DABKE, Kashinath Rajashree Assistant Accounts Officer, Finance Department, Kandla Port Trust</p> <p><i>My main resolution is to get acquainted with the shipping business's various dynamics and use this knowledge for the maritime industry in general and for Indian shipping in particular. I will be in a better position to serve this sector with kaleidoscopic dimensions. I want to have a say in the maritime policy of my country and improve the standard of living for all. It will be a sort of "BETTER LIFE THROUGH MARITIME TRADE".</i></p>	 <p>Iraq S10001 (PM)</p>	<p>ALFAYYADH, Abdulbussein Jaiyz Safaa Marine & Port Consultant, Marine Development Department, General Company for Ports of Iraq</p> <p><i>Upon completing my studies at WMU in 2010, I shall have acquired the knowledge necessary to become intimately familiar with IMO regulations. In addition, I shall have a good relationship with many nations' representatives, improving my ability to develop the ports sector in my country, which has suffered from frequent wars and lack of international regulations.</i></p>
 <p>India S10047 (MSEA)</p>	<p>KR DEEPAK KUMAR Commandant (JG), Indian Coast Guard Min. of Defence, Govt. of India</p> <p><i>The wealth of knowledge and the exposure that I receive here will be put to maximum use in my services to both my organization and my country for furthering advancement in the maritime environment and safety procedures.</i></p>	 <p>Japan S10025 (MET)</p>	<p>SUGOMORI, Masashi Practical Training Bureau, Planning and Research Division, National Institute for Sea Training</p> <p><i>I am impressed by my studies and the special skills and the knowledge of the maritime field that I am acquiring. I am learning about MET with good friends. I will certainly be able to contribute to my institute and my country as an on-board trainer on training ships, teaching the most current methods.</i></p>
 <p>India S10064 (MSEA)</p>	<p>VASUDEVAN, Aji Ship Surveyor-cum-Dy. Director General (Tech) Mercantile Marine Department, Chennai, India Directorate General of Shipping, Ministry of Shipping, Govt. of India</p> <p><i>As a Naval Architect, having experience in the shipbuilding industry and with the Maritime Administration, I hope that the opportunity at WMU will enhance my technical and administrative abilities for the benefit of the human community and the world shipping industry. I am sure that interacting and learning with students from 45 countries in the current program will give me a larger understanding of the shipping industry around the world.</i></p>	 <p>Japan S10028 (MSEA)</p>	<p>USUI, Shinji Maritime Technical Official, Tohoku District Transport Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism</p> <p><i>Although WMU is an academic place, I think it is also a place where different cultures from different countries mix. Therefore, I will absorb not only knowledge but also a variety of cultures, and I will make the most of them in Japan after graduation.</i></p>
 <p>Indonesia S10003 (MET)</p>	<p>ALFLANI, Didin Instructor, Makassar Merchant Marine Polytechnic (Politeknik Ilmu Pelayaran Makassar), Ministry of Transportation</p> <p><i>Considering the gender imbalance in the maritime world, I am delighted to be able to study at WMU. I am eager to study maritime education and training, and learn about cultural courtesy. In the future, I will work hard to develop a MET institution in my country and maintain the global maritime community.</i></p>	 <p>Madagascar S10055 (MLP)</p>	<p>RANDRIANANTENAINA, Jean Edmond Legal Advisor, Malagasy Naval Forces Command Malagasy Navy</p> <p><i>Studying at WMU is a real privilege for me. I believe that the knowledge and the experience acquired from this renowned institution will contribute to the development of the maritime field in my country. Therefore, I will use this opportunity to build a very strong foundation of my knowledge in maritime affairs and to forge new friendships with fellow students.</i></p>

The Following 27 new Sasakawa Fellowship Students in the class of 2010 have joined the WMU academic program early this May. They are brimming with hope that they will enhance their maritime expertise and build up a valuable network of Fellows with diverse backgrounds. Their deepest gratitude to Mr. Sasakawa of The Nippon Foundation will surely lead to their active contribution to the global maritime society in the future. May all of these new Sasakawa Fellows achieve their goals and the completion of their courses at World Maritime University.

 <p>Malaysia S10050 (MET)</p>	<p>HASHIM, Mohd Nazwan Hafeez Bin Marine Officer, SAFETY of Navigation Division Marine Department of Malaysia</p> <p><i>The award really strengthens my enthusiasm in the maritime field and will also allow networking with other global maritime players after graduation. I believe that the knowledge and experience offered by WMU will fit nicely with my current job requirements, and I'm certain that I can make a significant contribution to the Sasakawa Fellows over time.</i></p>	 <p>Philippines S10036 (MLP)</p>	<p>CAY, Evangelio Vivien Jane Coast Guard Officer, Lieutenantant Department of Transportation and Communications, Philippine Coast Guard</p> <p><i>What I would like to learn from WMU are the current IMO rules and regulations, methods, trends and policies which could be introduced to the Coast Guard leadership for their consideration. New knowledge about maritime rules and policies is necessary to enhance the performance of the functions of our organization.</i></p>
 <p>Malaysia S10063 (MLP)</p>	<p>TARMIZI, Khairul Tazril Assistant Secretary, National Security Council Prime Minister's Department, Malaysia</p> <p><i>It is an honor to be given such a privileged opportunity to read M.Sc. in Maritime Affairs at the World Maritime University. The knowledge and skills enhanced, the exposures and experiences acquired, the international interactions and connections will all lead me to wards the betterment and efficient service in the burgeoning maritime fraternity.</i></p>	 <p>Philippines S10065 (MSEA)</p>	<p>VICTORIA, Javier Rizal Senior Shipbuilding Specialist, MARINA Region VII, MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY</p> <p><i>In pursuing MSEA, I want to learn the significant and effective maritime safety and marine environmental protection guidelines and policies. The knowledge and experience that I shall acquire from pursuing the program will enable me to assist MARINA in successfully fulfilling its national responsibilities as the Maritime Administration in the Philippines, through the practical application of my learning.</i></p>
 <p>Myanmar S10026 (SM)</p>	<p>ZIN, Swe Swe Lecturer, Department of Shipping Management, Myanmar Maritime University</p> <p><i>It is really a most honorable opportunity to enrich my knowledge and competency by taking shipping management at WMU. What I learn from WMU here will absolutely contribute to both my organization and my country in improving the level of maritime education and raising the safety and efficiency of the shipping industry in compliance with international standards.</i></p>	 <p>Sri Lanka S10019 (SM)</p>	<p>MOHAMED HARIS, Fathima Rusniya Staff Assistant, Liner, Commercial & Business Promotion, Ceylon Shipping Corporation Limited</p> <p><i>There are no reputable institutions in my country for advanced knowledge in shipping. Therefore, studying at WMU is a remarkable chance to enhance my competence in Shipping Management, change my perspective, and gain confidence working with different cultures. This will definitely be help my future career and contribute to institution, country and maritime community.</i></p>
 <p>Myanmar S10027 (MET)</p>	<p>WIN, Thida Instructor, Myanmar Mercantile Marine College, Ministry of Transport</p> <p><i>WMU studies will provide a wide exposure to maritime subjects as well as a global family spirit with a rich and unique experience. After my graduation, I will be posted to the Maritime Education and Training Department. The knowledge and new insight gained will be of tremendous benefit, especially for the maritime education and training program at MMC in Yangon, Myanmar.</i></p>	 <p>Vietnam S10008 (SM)</p>	<p>DANG, Thi Huong Giang Head of Ship Financing Section, Finance and Accounting Department, Vietnam National Shipping Lines</p> <p><i>Having the valuable opportunity to study at WMU, I wish to gain advanced knowledge in shipping management directly related to my job. I, myself, feel that I will take the most advantage of this chance to deepen my knowledge in the field that enables me to contribute, even in a small way, to the development of my home country.</i></p>
 <p>Pakistan S10012 (MET)</p>	<p>MUGHAL, Iqbal Pervez Education Officer, Education Department, Pakistan Marine Academy</p> <p><i>I want to enhance my personal knowledge at WMU and intend to learn the latest world class techniques in the Maritime Industry for training and education. In return, I plan to implement the same practices in my own country, which will improve the quality of human resources and the overall economy.</i></p>	 <p>Vietnam S10016 (MSEA)</p>	<p>LE, Thanh Tung Maritime Lecturer, Navigation Department, Viet Nam Maritime University</p> <p><i>Studying at WMU gives me a wonderful chance to gain new knowledge and experience in the development of conventions, new technologies, new standards. WMU will be not only be helpful for me to improve the educational standard my own country but, with many new international friends working in maritime fields, it is also an opportunity for improving international affairs of.</i></p>
 <p>Peru S10018 (MSEA)</p>	<p>MENACHO PIEROLA, Antonio Jesus Lieutenant Commander of the Navy of Peru, General Directorate of Coastguards and Captaincies.</p> <p><i>Throughout my career as a naval officer, specializing in Coast Guard affairs, I dreamed of studying at WMU, and now, I'm sure that I will acquire new skills and the necessary maritime knowledge advantageous to my organization, and consequently to my country. Hence, WMU will give me the great chance to contribute to the development of my nation.</i></p>	 <p>Vietnam S10054 (SM)</p>	<p>PHAM, Duc Minh Executive, Ship Management Department Transportation and Chartering Corporation (VIETFRACHT)</p> <p><i>Having the opportunity to pursue a Masters Degree in Maritime Affairs at WMU, I am determined to complete all programs with great results. Thanks to the generosity and kindness of Mr. Sasakawa, I have been provided with accommodation and allowance for my studies here. With such encouragement and stimulation, I believe that I will be able to accomplish my goals.</i></p>
 <p>Philippines S10035 (MLP)</p>	<p>CASTILLO, Olasso Josephine Maritime Industry Development Specialist I Maritime Operations & Safety Division, Maritime Safety Office Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA)</p> <p><i>My resolution is to acquire new knowledge and skills and be updated with the latest issues and developments in maritime international law and policy. These will help me in making significant contributions in the formulation of new rules and regulations that will cater to the changing needs of the maritime industry in my country and the international community as well.</i></p>		

Dr. Björn Kjerfve Appointed as WMU's new President



Dr. Kjerfve comes to WMU from Texas A&M University, where he was Professor of Oceanography and Geography and Dean of the College of Geosciences. There he recently oversaw the US\$115 million renovation of a scientific drilling ship (JOIDES Resolution), which forms part of Texas A&M's multinational Integrated Ocean Drilling Program.

Welcoming his appointment, which began in May, Efthimios E. Mitropoulos, Chancellor of WMU and IMO Secretary-General, said: "I am pleased to welcome Dr Kjerfve on board and look forward to working with him as the University embarks on the next chapter of its history. Dr. Kjerfve's long experience and expertise in ocean sciences and the delivery of high-quality tertiary education and research will

add considerable value to the reputation that WMU has acquired as a globally-recognized centre of excellence in the maritime field."

Before joining Texas A&M University, Dr. Kjerfve was a tenured professor of marine and geological sciences at the University of South Carolina, where he also served as the Director of the Marine Science Program. Dr. Kjerfve also taught at the University of Sydney, Australia, from 1979-1980; at the Universidade Federal Fluminense, Brazil, from 1988-1989; and Göteborgs Universitet, Sweden, in 1996. Dr. Kjerfve has maintained an active research presence, obtaining research grants, building large research programs, publishing books and peer-reviewed journal articles, and mentoring PhD students.

Susan Jackson
Associate Registrar, WMU



Zhang Renping Elected Vice Chair of BLG Sub-committee

Mr. Zhang Renping of China was elected Vice Chair for 2010 at the 13th session of the Sub-Committee on Bulk, Liquids and Gases (BLG) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), held in London March 2-6, 2009.

Mr. Zhang has worked in the Maritime Section of the Chinese Embassy in the UK since 2005, responsible for IMO matters in respect to Assembly, Marine Environment Protection Committee, London Convention and Protocol. Mr. Zhang is also responsible for matters concerning International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds.

Mr. Zhang studied maritime education and training (MET) master programme at the World Maritime University in 1997 under the sponsorship of a Sasakawa Fellowship. Mr. Zhang worked for Dalian Maritime University of China before joining the Chinese Embassy in the UK.



Let us celebrate our new family member!

Luciola Almeida (Brazil, 2006)

We are pleased to let our friends of WMU know about the birth of our son, Ricardo, on January 18th in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, where we are now living.

Ricardo has brought more joy to our lives than we could ever imagine so we are both absolutely in love with him.

He is doing excellently. He smiles a lot, is healthy, and always surprises his doctor by being quite strong for his age. We believe that one of the reasons for his good health is the fact that we are by the Caribbean Sea, where we have sun shine and sea breezes all year round.

Being the son of a Brazilian mom and a Colombian dad, he is international from the beginning, but we intend to go further by celebrating his baptism in Brazil and taking him along with us to other countries in order to foster his curiosity about the world.

Editor's Postscript

At the beginning of the 2009 school year, it was decided that the Marine Technical College (MTC), the national maritime institute where I teach, will conduct official courses in Manila for Filipino crews who will board Japanese ships. The Filipino contribution to say Japanese maritime fleet is enormous, and it is not difficult to say that without them there would be no maritime trade in Japan. Having lectures in Manila is far more effective for Japanese maritime companies than inviting them over to Japan during their vacation.

The role of educational institutions has evolved over time, so much so that even a national educational institution can fail to ensure its own budgetary needs if it's not sensitive to changing social needs and the improvement of services. Given the international nature of our students, it is clear that internationalization of the teaching staff is a major issue for Japan's maritime educational institutions in the future.

Toshio Hikima
Marine Technical College

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