

# NEWSLETTER Friends of WMU

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## WMU Sasakawa Fellows' Network Meeting in Bangkok

*From February 13 to 17, 2007, the first regional network meeting of WMU Sasakawa Fellows was held. The group of 23 Fellows met in Bangkok, with the proceedings ably and actively assisted by Mr. Eisuke Kudo and Mr. Shinichi Ichikawa of the Ocean Policy Research Foundation.*



**Susan Jackson**  
Assistant Academic Registrar,  
World Maritime University

The Fellows were delighted to be together again at the welcome reception on the first day. Old friendships were rekindled, and new friendships made across the generations of WMU graduates. The following day was spent doing field study. First came a visit to Laem Chabang Port, a very impressive new facility, established only in 1991. This deep-sea port has had a significant impact not just on Thailand, but on the whole Southeast Asian region, and has established itself as economically significant in the region's worldwide trade. This was followed by a visit to Kerry Siam

Seaport Ltd, a very impressive new facility that provides international logistic support to companies, again across the whole Asian region.

On Thursday, February 15, the main business of the meeting started. The Fellows were first updated on the activities of the Friends of WMU, Japan, by Mr. Kudo, and also were pleased to hear about current developments at WMU. The Fellows then launched into a detailed program of discussion about the ways that national and regional networks of Sasakawa Fellows could be more firmly established and work together better. The topics of discussion ranged from the practical arrangements for Fellows' networks in each of the participating countries, to technical papers on maritime

issues from each of the participants. The Fellows also had a very fruitful dialogue with the Friends of WMU, Japan, Secretariat about the role that the Friends' newsletter, website and Fellows' directory could play in network-building. The enthusiasm and commitment of all the participants was striking, with intensive group work continuing on into the evenings.

That evening, the Fellows were delighted by an unexpected visit from Dr. Yohei Sasakawa, Chairman of The Nippon Foundation, who had managed to make time in his hectic schedule to greet the participants. Dr. Sasakawa expressed his personal pleasure in being able to meet WMU Sasakawa Fellows from countries around the world, and stressed his delight





Dr. Chula Sukmanop



in receiving from them letters about their personal lives and professional progress. He also expressed his satisfaction at the continued progress and development of WMU, noting that the Fellows must be proud to be its graduates. He emphasized his support for the Fellows' Network, remarking on the importance of horizontal links between the Fellows, as well as vertical links between them and OPRF and WMU. He concluded his remarks with a short account of his views on the corporate, social and financial responsibility of those who use the seas, noting that he was working to bring this subject into the public arena for discussion.

Friday's schedule began with a fascinating special lecture on multimodal transport in ASEAN countries from Dr. Chula Sukmanop, Director of the Multimodal Transport Development Group at Thailand's Ministry of Transport. The Fellows spent the rest of the day exchanging information on maritime affairs in the region, dealing with issues from MET institutes to piracy. They also considered the proposed ways to develop and expand the Fellows' Network within and across the region. The day ended with a farewell reception and dinner, to which the Fellows were very pleased to welcome Ms. Nualnapa Tiancharoen, Principal



Mr. Supakorn Pattarawichean



Ms. Nualnapa Tiancharoen

Adviser on Water Transport Economics from Thailand's Ministry of Transport, as guest of honor.

On Saturday morning, the Fellows presented the reports on each session of the meeting that they had prepared in groups. The meeting culminated in the unanimous adoption of a resolution on the future development and expansion of the Fellows' Network. This resolution encapsulated the most important decisions taken during the meeting, and will provide a firm foundation for the Network's work over the next few years. The Fellows seemed confident that this regional meeting was a first step on the road to a much more active and cohesive network, and left Bangkok fired with enthusiasm for the challenges and opportunities that this network would bring to them and to their countries' maritime sectors.



## List of Fellows

### Cambodia

Mak Sideth	MAEP 1998
Pak Sokharavuth	MSEP 1999

### China

Xu Dazhen	PM 1998
Li Yuheng	MSEP 2003

### Indonesia

Fadjar Santoso	MSA 1990
Antoni Arif Priadi	MET 2006

### Japan

Naoki Saito	MET 2004
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### Malaysia

Krishnan Balakrishnan	PSA 1990
Mohd Fairoz Bin Rozali	MSEP 2006

### Myanmar

Kyaw Zeya	MSA 1996
Wai Lynn Htut	MSEP 2004

### Philippines

Sonia B Malaluan	SM 1998
Jerry Nibre	MSEP 2003

### Vietnam

Vu The Quang	MAEP 2000
Nguyen Thi Anh Thu	SM 2006

### Thailand

Noppadol Angkanupong	PM 2000
Supakorn Pattarawichean	SM 2001
Panitta Charoenphol	PM 2001
Darapan Sribhen	PM 2002
Wanna Waiwingrob	SM 2003
Sarit Sritip	PM 2005
Chollaros Surangsi	PM 2005
Wichuda Srimeechai	PM 2006
Somnuck Sukavanich	MA 2002
Narinsak Sattaprasit	MSEP 2003
Chanachai Lertsuchatavanich	MA 2004





## My Appreciation toward the Fellows

**Nobuyuki Tanaka**

Director, Shipbuilding Division, JETRO Singapore

The activities of the Shipbuilding Division of JETRO Singapore Center, which is a joint office with the Cooperative Association of Japan Shipbuilders, extend over an extremely wide area of the Asia Pacific region. In various areas of this region many Sasakawa Fellows are playing active roles in the nerve centers of government organizations and corporations of their countries, and we always receive their assistance when we make fact-finding trips to these countries.



I was posted to Singapore in March last year. During my time there, I remember my visit to Surabaya, Indonesia, at which time I made visits to shipbuilders and container yards with assistance provided by fellow members. To request meetings with people who are in charge of shipbuilding, ports and harbors, and shipping businesses, it is generally necessary to approach these people through different contact channels. However, the Fellows have intersecting regional networks and, thanks to these, I was able to visit these businesses without any hitches. I was also able to witness the outstanding cooperation



among Fellows.

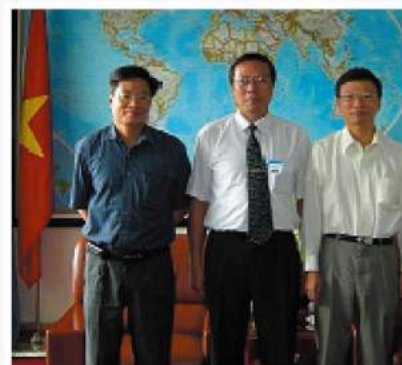
Weaving their way through their busy work schedules and taking turns in sharing their available time, they responded to all of my requests like a seamless thread. In Thailand, I gave a presentation to persons in charge of ports and harbors. Thanks to the network of Fellows within the Port Authority, we were able to have many port and harbor-related people attend the presentation. While I was preparing for my visits, a Vietnamese Fellow who resides in Singapore went to Thailand on a visit and mentioned my intended visit to the people concerned. Singapore is not listed on the Fellow member list available through the internet and it was only through another Fellow I met during a visit to Vietnam that I first came to know of this Vietnamese Fellow residing in Singapore. Thanks to this international network, I was able to make contact with a fellow member in Thailand in a casual, friendly manner, even though it was the first time for us to meet. I was very impressed by this.

In India, I visited Delhi and Mumbai. There too, fellow members in both cities cooperated and arranged appointments for my visits. Once a person sets off on a business trip, it is rather difficult to make additional appointments along the way. However, I was greatly assisted by the interregional network of the Fellows. In Sri Lanka, when I visited Colombo, in addition to the Sasakawa Fellows, the WMU fellow members cooperated and extended their support during my visit.

In Vietnam, I was accompanied by a Fellow on all my appointments, and as we drove to various places, I was able to enjoy conversations on a wide range of topics from the maritime industry in Vietnam to everyday life. In Jakarta, a fellow member assisted me in arranging appointments by making contact with the relevant people through mobile telephone numbers normally not available to outsiders. This was a great help. In the Philippines, during dinner meetings with fellow members, I had the opportunity to be introduced to the people I was to visit.



In each of these countries, even though it was my first time to meet these fellow members, I was received by all of them with a feeling of warmth and sincerity rather than as a formality. If I may say, I was treated more like an associate and trusted friend. I was very appreciative about being received in such a friendly manner without any vested interests. This year I again look forward to meeting with some of the same fellow members who befriended me, as well as getting to know some new fellow members.





# New Members of WMU Sasakawa Fellowship, Class of 2008



## XHELILAJ Ermal

University Asst. Professor,  
Technological State University "Ismail Qemali"

Enriching my knowledge in maritime law and policy, establishing a valuable cooperation within maritime community and successfully graduate from WMU with the purpose to efficiently contribute toward maritime field in the future are my principal objectives. I would like to thank you Nippon Foundation and WMU for providing me this opportunity to improve my educational level in the maritime affairs.

Albania

8043 MLP



## CHOWDHURY Mohammad Mahbub Morshed

Research Officer,  
Chittagong Port Authority

Information is knowledge and knowledge is power. Now, I'm realising the power inside me and hope I'll be able to utilise this for the development of the Bangladeshi maritime industry in general and Chittagong port authority in particular. Thank you Mr. Sasakawa for giving me this opportunity to discover myself as well as the Maritime world through studying at WMU.

Bangladesh

8007 PM



## ISLAM Md. Mohidul

Senior Asst. Secretary, Bangladesh Secretariat,  
Ministry of Shipping

Besides offering the best studies in maritime science, WMU provides a precious opportunity to make friendships throughout the world. To me, making a new friend is exploring a new world with a new culture. Friends at WMU have given me a broader view of life, and my world is now much wider. In human civilization, undoubtedly, ships have played a vital role. But of all ships, the best one is the "friendship."

Bangladesh

8018 MEOM



## CHEA Leng

Ministry of Environment

I would like to thank from bottom of my heart to Dr. Sasakawa and colleagues for providing me the great golden opportunity to study at WMU. I will take this opportunity do my best to study hard, acquire knowledge, skills and MSc in this course. In addition, I will take this valuable chance to establish network with students at WMU.

Cambodia

8024 MEOM



## NORIT Nelli

Project Manager Assistant,  
Estonian Maritime Academy

Achieving professional knowledge in marine environment and ocean management, creating a valuable network with WMU students and providing my contribution toward maritime field are my main goals. I am very grateful for this opportunity given by Sasakawa Foundation and hope to successfully graduate my Master degree.

Estonia

8081 MEOM



## QUANSAH Nana Esi

Marketing & Customer Service Officer,  
Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority

I am setting out to earn An M.Sc in Port Management. The acquired knowledge of the maritime industry and the wisdom gained from interacting with people of different cultures will benefit not only the Ghanaian maritime environment but every other person with whom I come into contact. Thanks to Mr. Sasakawa, the Nippon Foundation, GPHA and my family and friends.

Ghana

8084 PM



## KOTHARI Bhim Singh

Commanding Officer,  
Indian Coast Guard Headquarters

I feel proud to come to the WMU, Malmö, Sweden for PG programme in maritime affairs. All this could become possible because of the Ocean Policy Research Foundation of JAPAN for considering me for Sasakawa Fellowship. At WMU my endeavour will to improvise my maritime skills, imbibe knowledge and optimally utilise maritime resources of the university. It will be my endeavour to repay this by working for the marine fraternity of the world, with sincerity and to the best of my ability.

India

8075 MSEA



## HENDRIAWAN Arizal

Head of Education & Training Program Unit,  
Seafarers Education & Training Inst. Of Tangerang

Studying at WMU gives me the best opportunity in order to increase my professional competencies in maritime field. Cause this reason I should do with my best effort. My final intentions not just achieved the master degree in maritime affairs, but also to achieve good relationship among all off students which come from all of the world as "one family". From my hearthest, I would like to express thank you very much to Mr. Sasakawa and Japan Foundation for providing me this opportunity.

Indonesia

8015 MET



## KURNIAWAN Iwan

Secretary of Marine Engineering Course,  
Maritime Higher Education & Training Institute

I will study hard to gain much knowledge and contribute not only to my country but also to make network with my friends all over the world for better cooperation in the maritime fields.

Indonesia

8021 SM



## GRAHAM Carolyn

Research Analyst/ Public Relations Officer,  
Maritime Authority of Jamaica

I live by 2 principles:

1) "Ingratitude is Worse than Witchcraft". Thanks to Mr. Sasakawa and his team for the opportunity to study at WMU, and to participate in an experience that will benefit me, personally and professionally.  
2) "With Discipline Comes Freedom". I will apply discipline in my studies, achieving the reward of freedom that comes with knowledge.

Indonesia

8068 MET



## TOMOKUNI Seiji

Ship Inspector, Kanto District Transport Bureau,  
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure & Transport

I will dedicate myself to studying and achieving knowledge of Maritime Safety and Environment in the cooperation with WMU mates.

I'm grateful to Mr. Sasakawa and Ocean Policy Research Foundation staffs for providing us this invaluable opportunity.

Japan

8040 MSEA



## YOKOI Tokimasa

Education and Training Division,  
Administration Department, Japan Coast Guard

I am sincerely grateful for having this excellent opportunity to study at WMU. I am certain that I will be able to broaden my view in maritime affairs and build friendship in the world through the study at WMU. I will truly dedicate myself to further development of maritime field not only in Japan but also in the world.

Japan

8044 MSEA



## ABDULLAH Mohd Rosli Bin

Logistic Technical Officer,  
Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency

I want to gather as much knowledge as possible, to get to know people from many parts of the world and earn MSc. By having those key factors I hope that I can serve my country better and play a vital role in developing the maritime sector not just in my country but within the international arena as well.

Malaysia

8004 MET



## AHMAD FAIZAL Ahmad Fuad

Senior Assistant Director, Safety of Navigation Division  
Sarawak Marine Department  
(Agency under Ministry of Transportation Malaysia)

My main objective now is to complete this course with the best achievement that I can. My next objective is to apply the gained knowledge in promoting the safety of marine community and to protect the marine environment itself locally and globally. I would like to express my gratitude to The Nippon Foundation which help me in helping the mother earth and her occupants.

Malaysia

8064 MEOM



Myanmar  
8017 MET

### HLAING THIRI

Lecturer, Marine Electrical Systems and Electronics  
Myanmar Maritime University

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to Mr Sasakawa for providing me to attend at WMU. Now, I can study Maritime Education and Training course and I strongly believe that I can provide my knowledge and skills obtained from this course to work for the good of mankind and the environment, especially, for my students and my country.



Tanzania  
8074 MLP

### KHERI Hassan Mrisho

Legal Officer,  
Ministry of Communications & Transportation

Having this opportunity to study in The World Maritime University through Sasakawa Fellowship is the beginning of the journey toward success. Acquiring Knowledge and skill on Maritime Affairs will keep me up to date, and be fruitful to myself, my Government as well as Sasakawa fellows around the world.



Nigeria  
8054 PM

### BALA Mohammad Yusuf

Maritime Labour Officer,  
Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency

It is my ambition to be world reknown in the maritime industry which I have been working hard to achieve for myself. But with this gesture from Mr. Sasakawa, I am more fired up to achieve this ambition through WMU, but now, for the good of my country and humanity. This is the least I can do to repay Mr. Sasakawa, the people of Japan and my family for all the support.



Thailand  
8003 MET

### BHOTHIRUNGSI Theerapong

Navigator, Marine Department,  
Merchant Marine Training Centre

This is my great opportunity to get knowledge and experience at WMU, which has been given by Sasakawa fellowship. I am very grateful for Mr.Sasakawa's kindness. I will study hard and exert myself all possible effort. As the motto "It's not over until it's over and if you never quit, then it's never over"



Philippines  
8051 MET

### ALVAREZ Myrna

Instructor I,  
Philippine Merchant Marine Academy

Being here at WMU is truly a blessing. My sincerest gratitude to his honor, Mr. Sasakawa for giving me this wonderful opportunity, thank you. Given the chance, I would impart all the knowledge and ideas that I would learned from WMU for the betterment of my institution and to my country for it's development and progress. And its always a great experience to befriend with other nations and learn their culture as well.



Tonga  
8065 MLP

### FINAU Ofa

Asst. Secretary,  
Ministry of Marine & Ports

"I have the honour to show my appreciation by saying thank you very much to The Nippon Foundation and OPRF for their kindness to fund my studies at the WMU. This opportunity I will fully utilise to achieve my goal by improving my knowledge on international maritime conventions and policies and it will be a benefit for myself and my country."



Philippines  
8061 MLP

### DELOS SANTOS Lunecito Ubias

Planning Officer II, Maritime Industry Authority and Technical Assistant for International Maritime Multilateral and Bilateral Issues, Office of the Undersecretary for Maritime Transport, Department of Transportation and Communications

Thanks Nippon Foundation. Upon graduation, I look forward to go back to my country where I can be directly involved in the formulation/redefinition of our domestic maritime policies that will effectively respond to current and future global maritime challenges. I hope that the friendship our batch will forge will be translated into a broader perspective of international cooperation and understanding.



Viet Nam  
8060 SM

### CHU Lan Phuong

Vice Manager,  
Vietnam Sea Transport & Trading Corporation

In WMU, I meet friends from all walks of life. Feeling the world is getting smaller. I'll take this opportunity to learn not only from Professors, but also from my classmates. We may have different backgrounds, come from different cultures,... but we speak one common language, the language of "CARE and SHARE", we share knowledge, exchange cultures, that is what we will bring home and keep on sharing...



Philippines  
8067 MET

### GERNATO Ronnie Devaras

Assistant Professor I,  
National Maritime Polytechnic

"My admission to the World Maritime University through a Sasakawa Fellowship is an extra ordinary opportunity. After completion of my studies, I shall ensure that the learnings I would gain shall be shared to my fellow maritime trainers and to the Filipino seafarers whom we train at the National Maritime Polytechnic, the only government maritime training center in the Philippines."



Viet Nam  
8032 MET

### HIEU Phung Trong

VINAMARINE, Maritime School No2  
International Cooperation & Science Technology

Being in The International Maritime Network and gaining my knowledge in Maritime Affairs are my willing duties in WMU. Many thanks to WMU and Mr.Sasakawa for giving me this great opportunity.



Philippines  
8086 MLP

### SANTOS Fedelyn A.

Director for Legal Affairs, Coast Guard Internal Affairs Service, PCG  
Philippine Coast Guard

It is said that knowledge is the best weapon one can possess because it can change lives and even the course of the world. The opportunity to study at WMU is an opportunity to gain needed knowledge that students from participating countries may use for the benefit not just their countries but the world. This is now given me through Mr. Sasakawa's kindness.



Viet Nam  
8026 PM

### MAI Thi Anh Tuyet

Desk Officer, Infrastructure Management Dept.,  
Vietnam Maritime Administration

Studying at WMU is the chance I have been waiting for since I dedicated my life to the maritime sector. Thanks to Mr. Sasakawa, the door to WMU has been opened for me. I hope more people will have this golden opportunity to contribute towards the prosperity of their country's maritime sector as well as to the whole world.



Philippines  
8090 MEOM

### SUPANGAN Rommel Agsaullo

Head,  
Port State Control Center Manila

I'm forever grateful for the privilege and kindness of Nippon Foundation granting me the WMU Sasakawa Scholarship Award. I'll do my best to muster all the learning and insights in store for me at WMU. In return, contribute for the betterment of my country and the world in general to make it a safer, cleaner and better place to live.



Viet Nam  
8029 MET

### NGUYEN Quy Doanh

Teacher,  
Marine Engine Dept. HoChi Minh City University of Transport

Living and studying in the environment of friendship, cooperation and professional at World Maritime University only comes once in my lifetime. I would like to express sincere thank Mr. Sasakawa and the Ocean Policy Research Foundation, Japan for giving me this great opportunity; and University of Transport in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam for their support





## For the Safety of Navigation

**Ehab Othman**  
(Egypt, 2004)

Lecturer at Maritime Safety Institute (MSI),  
Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport (AAST&MT)

After graduating from WMU, my contribution to the maritime industry jumped to a higher level, particularly in the field of education and training. Besides the knowledge gained at WMU, studying there gave me a broad perspective toward the international maritime industry, which was attributable to the interactivity and accessibility to the international maritime community.

My city is Alexandria; the mermaid of the Mediterranean. It is the second largest city in Egypt. Recently, Alexandria has hosted the annual meeting of the Committee of Directors of the International Ocean Institute and three Sasakawa Fellows, Capt. Khaled Ramadan (Lecturer in the Navigation Dept., Arab Academy for Science and Technology), Dr. Victoria Radochenko (Director, IOI-Ukraine), and I enjoyed reuniting.

Alexandria Port is a very important port historically and the most capable of attracting maritime transport and trade. Its geographical location enabled it to be one of the most important ports in Egypt with more than a 50% share of Egypt's sea trade.



Subsequently, it has been necessary to work on developing the port. The new developments include computerizing and linking all the operational and administrative processes in the port, establishing a new Alexandria container terminal with an area of 297,000 square meters, transporting a coal terminal and operating a trade center affiliated to the tourist hub and tourist train station, all as a first phase. The second phase includes a marina, a commercial region, and establishing logistics projects for river transport and a railway.

The development also hopes to make the port one of the main international ports connecting Southeast Asia with European countries. In January, 2007, the new development projects will be inaugurated.

Also located in Alexandria is AAST&MT. The Academy is one of the founders and a member of the International Association of Maritime Universities (IAMU). In addition, the Academy is the focal point of IMO in the region. Its specialized education institution of the Arab League is engaged in teaching, training, research work, community services and projects.

Since 1972, the Academy has been educating, training and



qualifying students in all the disciplines, sciences and technologies related to the various aspects of maritime transport. AAST&MT also offers PhD degrees in engineering, management and tourism.

MSI was established to provide seafarers with safety training in accordance to STCW requirements. The scope of MSI objectives was broadened to include many other maritime safety, environmental and security training courses, in accordance with the STCW convention, OPITO and other offshore and industrial standards.

MSI is a member of the International Association of Safety and Survival Training (IASST) and the United States Marine Safety Association (USMSA). The teaching staff of MSI includes very highly specialized and qualified maritime lecturers, many of whom are WMU graduates, including the Dean, Capt. Talal Al Shwarabi, WMU Class of 1986.

MSI provides training on its premises, which are equipped with modern training tools and facilities, onboard ships and offshore units, in order to attain the required physical and behavioral realism to achieve the learning and training objectives. MSI is upgrading a lot of its equipment in 2007, particularly, the helicopter underwater escape simulator.



MSI offers consultancy to IMO in many regional programs, seminars and workshops. MSI also contributes to the implementation of many IMO instruments, which were

adopted to improve safe working conditions onboard ships, preserve the marine environment, and ensure the security of ships and port facilities.

I enjoy teaching at MSI, AAST&MT for safety and peaceful navigation, and I promise to pass my experience at WMU to my students and community, deeply thanking Mr. Yohei Sasakawa and The Nippon Foundation for giving me this precious opportunity.



# Essays



## Being a Host Family for a Student of the World Maritime University

Mr. & Mrs. Inger and Sven Jacobsson,  
Ystad, Sweden

When we were asked by some good friends if we were interested in becoming a host family for students at WMU, we didn't even know what "WMU" was! They explained what sort of students we could expect and what it meant to be a host family. It sounded interesting, and we went ahead with our registration. We certainly have no regrets!

Our contact with WMU has given us a new view of the world. These well-educated young people tell us so much about their home countries and their cultures, and what they tell us, what is "really happening" gives us a much clearer view than the picture often presented here in Sweden. Every meeting leaves us with new impressions, and these personable young people from many corners of the world are a constant inspiration to learn and read more.

Just now we are hosting two very ambitious, cheerful and charming students, Htay Aung from Myanmar and Wisnu Handoko from Indonesia. Often the first meeting with a new person is important for the development of a new friendship, and we will never forget our first meeting with Htay and Wisnu. It was at Backåkra - in the beautiful Österlen district of Skåne - where

we were to celebrate Midsummer together with a picnic. We noticed straight away that they were two very popular guys, for they were surrounded by friends! Within a few minutes we had been introduced to their circle of acquaintances and we all spent a very happy afternoon together.

Htay and Wisnu have since then visited our home, where we have shared some unforgettable moments in learning about each other's families and cultures. That Htay and Wisnu are outgoing and popular was also obvious at this year's graduation ceremony, where Wisnu was the conductor of the University choir, and Htay one of the choir members.

All the students we have had contact with have been very humble and grateful to their sponsor for the opportunity given them to further their qualifications. Htay and Wisnu are no exceptions and are very conscious of what this opportunity can mean for their future - even if it also brings with it the difficulty of separation from their homes and families.

We wish Htay and Wisnu - and their sponsor! - every success in the future.

(Nov. 2006)



## Spring has Begun at Malmö

Teguh Santoso  
(Indonesia, 2007)



This year is a bit different, with spring coming earlier than last year, so we do not want to miss such a beautiful moment.

That was the first thought that came to our minds after having above zero temperatures and sunny days for a week in Malmö. So we decided to do something which might become a great souvenir for the future. Why not take a nice picture in front of our beautiful campus? Then since we work for the same institution (Ministry of Transport of Indonesia), what if we all agreed to wear our uniform during the photo session? We thought we might be the first students to think of this and it might be a unique remembrance for us.

So we had our photo session on Saturday morning, March

24, 2007. It was great because the sun was shining brightly and the temperature was about 10 degrees. This beautiful weather made all the pictures we took amazing.

This event helped fight boredom and reduce stress during our tight schedule, and enabled us to keep our solidarity and a strong relationship. Looking at our pictures, we feel what great friendships have been created so far during our studies at World Maritime University. This is a good start toward building future cooperation among us particularly, and among other students. We hope that our cooperation will not end after we finish our studies but will continue as we work toward our goal of creating safe, secure and efficient shipping on clean oceans.



## Mr. Sasakawa in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



**Front row:** Mr. Masazumi Nagamitsu, Mr. Krishnan Balakrishnan (1990), Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, Ms. Norhasliza Mat Salleh (2006)

**Back row:** Capt. Tze Kheong Lee (1993), Mr. Fairuz Bin Mohd. Rozali (2006), Capt. Yew Seng Lim (1997), Mr. Azfar Bin Mohamad Mustafar (2001), Capt. Bin Abdul Samad Zainal Akbar (1992)

The "Symposium on the Enhancement of Safety of Navigation and the Environmental Protection of the Straits of Malacca and Singapore" was held at Hotel Nikko in Kuala Lumpur on the 13th and 14th of March, 2007. Mr. Yohei Sasakawa attended and delivered an address at the Symposium.

Meanwhile, seven Malaysian Sasakawa Fellows took this opportunity to participate in the Symposium. The Nippon Foundation kindly arranged for those Malaysian Sasakawa Fellows to meet Mr. Sasakawa.

In fact, Mr. Sasakawa also visited Port Klang, Malaysia, last June to participate in the presentation ceremony for the training ship, "Marlin", built by The Nippon Foundation for the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA). At that time, he very generously took time out from his hectic schedule to meet Malaysian Sasakawa Fellows as well. We are very grateful that he is always happy to meet Sasakawa Fellows and hear about their outstanding work in the maritime field.

## Logistic Expert Group Meeting in Hanoi, Viet Nam

**Supakorn Pattarawichean**  
(Thailand, 2001)



On March 6-9, 2007, I had an opportunity to attend the 3rd ASEAN and Japan Logistics Expert Group Meeting held in Hanoi, Vietnam. And I also had a chance to see WMU Sasakawa Fellows, such as Mr. Vu The Quang (Viet Nam, 2000), Mr. Nguyen Quang Anh (Viet Nam, 2004), and Mr. The Vu Thang (WMU Graduate). Afterwards, we had dinner together, enjoying good food and drinks. Cheers!!!

For those who are interested in the Logistics Expert Group Meeting, please take a look at the Summary Record posted on the website at: <http://www.wmu.sof.or.jp/>

### Attention!

## Kensaku Nomoto Memorial Essay Contest

We would like to take this opportunity to announce that the WMU Journal of Maritime Affairs has designed an annual essay contest to stimulate discussion on key issues in maritime affairs. The 2007 contest is called the "Kensaku Nomoto Memorial Essay Contest". This first contest's theme is any subject relating to maritime security, preferably with a focus on the human factor impact. Those eligible to enter the contest are as follows:

- (1) Students currently enrolled in a degree program at the master's or doctoral level;
- (2) Graduates receiving their master's or doctoral degree

within the last two years.

The essays should be between 4000 and 8000 words long, according to the Instructions to authors in the WMU Journal of Maritime Affairs. The submission deadline is August 1st, 2007. We will put the information temporarily on the "Friends of WMU, Japan" website. If you would like to know more details, please go visit at: <http://www.wmu.se>

We heartily hope many applicants will enter this memorable contest!

## Fire Hits PPL Building in Manila

The MARINA Central Office located at Philippine President Lines (PPL) Building, UN Avenue in Manila, was burnt down on the 30th of May. Fortunately, no one was hurt or injured as far as we know, but there are eleven Sasakawa Fellows who work for MARINA. We offer our sincere sympathies to those who had to endure this unfortunate accident.

## Editor's Postscript

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Hidemasa TAGAMI, who supported us with his sense of humor as Secretariat of this Editorial Board until the end of March, and started his great, new career as Special Advisor to IAMU. It is sad when colleagues leave the workplace, but it does not mean that he or she has really gone. Thinking positively, it means my circle of friends has expanded.

We would now like to welcome Mr. TAGAMI's successor, Mr. Eiji SAKAI, Chief Manager, International Affairs Team, Maritime Technology Department of OPRF. Some of you probably know

him well. He took part in the English and Study Skills Program (ESSP) at WMU last year, then stayed in Canada for an internship.

As for me, a year has passed since I joined this Board, and I was most grateful when I was finally given the honorable tie of WMU. When you see me with the tie, I hope you will regard me as a Fellow's fellow!

The 20th anniversary edition of this newsletter is coming next. Please look out for it!

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