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The Address of Mr. Yohei Sasakawa at the 7th General Assembly of IAMU

Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, Chairman of The Nippon Foundation, made a speech on October 16, 2006, at IAMU's general assembly meeting held in Dalian, China.

He stated that although the sea was thought to have virtually unlimited capacity for use by human beings, it has turned out to be very fragile, due to ever-increasing amounts of pollution. He stressed that we need to adapt ourselves from just using the sea to protecting it. He proposed "the sustainable development of maritime activities." This raises the necessity of a new framework of international cooperation, whereby nongovernmental maritime organizations, the IMO, and governments support each other as they reform maritime policy together, as opposed the traditional system, in which each government basically acts on its own. Many new challenges defy the conventional way of handling problems on a case-by-case basis, such as environmental damage caused by aging ships, disruption of transportation caused by marine accidents, as well as piracy and terrorism in internationally vital sea lanes such as the Strait of Malacca.

He pointed out that seafarer-centered safety management for the international shipping industry also requires further efforts due to the increase in the number of high-



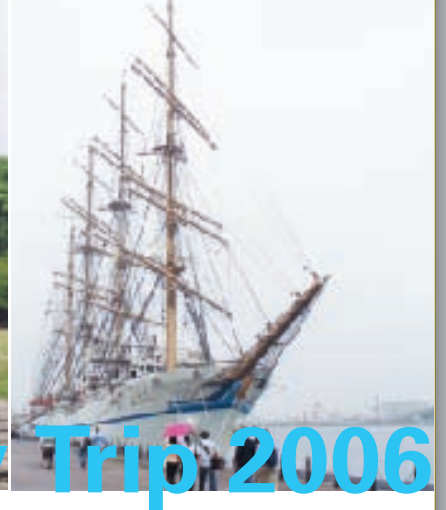
tech ships, such as advanced LNG carriers. He also questioned the excessive emphasis on cramming students with knowledge and skills required to operate ships amid the global shortage of seafarers, rather than producing seafarers who take pride in their work and possess a true seaman's spirit. The development of well-balanced seafarers is possible only if they are taught the pride and philosophy of being a seafarer, not just the skills and knowledge necessary for safe vessel operation.

Finally, he stated that IAMU can make a real contribution by providing a new forum which will allow maritime universities to engage in transnational activities, transcending national borders and controls. He welcomes your efforts to develop the human resources who can respond to changes and make contributions to the global maritime community beyond the confines of states.

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The Japan Field Study Trip 2006

26 Sasakawa Scholarship Students who enrolled in the World Maritime University in 2006 were invited to a Japan Field Study Trip that took place from September 10th through 17th. This program aims to give the first - grade students opportunities to meet people in Japanese maritime fields and to exchange views and information with them, as well as to enhance the participants' knowledge about Japan.

September 11, 2006 (Mon)

Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport

On the morning of September 11th, the students and Mr. Bruce P. Browne paid a courtesy visit to Mr. Koichi Fujiwara, Director-General of Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MLIT). After his warm welcome speech, the 26 students were divided into 3 groups according to their specialization, and the lecture lasted until 13:00, which didn't seem long enough for the students to absorb detailed information on Japan maritime affairs. Still, we hope that they had a fruitful time at the MLIT.

The Nippon Foundation

The students moved on to The Nippon Foundation to pay a courtesy call on Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, Chairman of The Nippon Foundation as well as the "Friends of WMU, Japan". The students nervously introduced themselves, but gradually became more relaxed and created a friendly atmosphere among them. Mr. Johnnie Borland gave a great speech of appreciation to Mr. Sasakawa. Mr. Browne presented the "WMU Emblem Stand" to Mr. Sasakawa as a token of WMU's appreciation as well.

Reception at The Nippon Foundation

On the same day of the courtesy call on Mr. Sasakawa, the students were invited to a "Welcome Reception" by "Friends of WMU, Japan". Approximately 160 guests, including OPRF staff members, attended the reception. And one of the students, Mr. HTAY AUNG from Myanmar, received a surprise birthday treat from all the guests when they sang the "Happy Birthday" song. He was also treated to a tasty cake by Mr. Sasakawa. It must have been a very memorable birthday for him.



September 12, 2006 (Tue)

Port and Airport Research Institute

On the morning of September 12, they visited Independent Administrative Institution Port and Airport Research Institute (PARI) in Yokosuka. They were warmly welcomed and led to a large presentation room for an introduction to PARI's research and operations as well as its history. Then, Ms. Yamashita led us to four

major facilities in the station: Underwater 3D Shaking Table, Concrete Exposure Test Area, Simulation Tank for Oil Recovery in Marine Situations, and Large Hydro-Geo Flume. The students seemed especially interested in the Large Hydro-Geo Flume, which can generate regular and random waves with heights up to 3.5m. It was a very beneficial experience for the students, and special thanks are due to Mr. Makita and Ms. Yamashita, who supported this event from the beginning.



Maritime Disaster Prevention Center

On September 12th, the students had their most unforgettable experience during this trip. For those who were there, they know what I am talking about. All the students boarded a fisherman's boat to reach "No. 2 Bulwark", where Fire Fighting Training could be observed. It was a chilly stormy afternoon. The ocean was pretty rough. All the windows were shut because of the rain outside. And these factors made the students very seasick. I suppose that was the most exciting experience during this trip (Yeah, right!!). After leaving "No. 2 Bulwark", they returned to the Maritime Disaster Prevention Center to be shown the Oil Spill Control Training Facilities outside the building by Mr. Asobu Tanaka, Chief Instructor of the Center. He showed the students the "Training Pool", where waves can be created by computer, as well as the "Mock-up Shoreline" that consists of three areas: A Sand Beach, Wave-proof Blocks, and Reef. His amazing performance and explanations made the students more interested in these facilities.



September 13, 2006 (Wed)
National Institute for Sea Training

The fourth day of training. Nonetheless, the students appeared rather excited about the prospect of seeing the inside of the Seibun Maru and the Nippon Maru - tall ship, owned by the National Institute for Sea Training. The students first boarded the Nippon Maru, berthed at Ariake multipurpose wharf, and were guided to the lecture room where they were greeted with a warm welcome speech by Capt. Yoshiharu Takei. Mr. Naoki Saito, Sasakawa Fellow, also extended a heartfelt welcome to the party.

The group then split into two and took a tour of the ship (the bridge, engine room, cabins, decks, etc.) for about half an hour, which was followed by a question-and-answer session. From the Nippon Maru they got on board the transport vessel Shintoku and did a tour of the Port of Tokyo. From Shintoku they embarked on the Seibun Maru, berthed at Ariake dock R-L in front of the Museum of Maritime Science.

In the Seibun Maru's lecture room, Mr. Tomonori Okamura, another Sasakawa Fellow, made a presentation on how the institute's students were trained on the Seibun Maru. They must have been impressed by their senior by five years at the university.

September 14, 2006 (Thu)
Imari Shipyard of Namura Shipbuilding Co., Ltd.

As the students arrived at Imari Shipyard, Mr. Noriaki Akiyama, Board of Directors & Senior Managing E.O., and other staff members warmly welcomed them. After watching a short movie about Namura Shipbuilding, they were taken on a shipyard tour. The students also boarded the unfinished Bulk Carrier by the quay and were shown the inside of the new carrier, which is supposed to be completed and delivered to the client in a couple of weeks. This was such an interesting experience that all the students were very grateful.



September 15, 2006 (Fri)
Nippon Steel Corporation, Yawata Works

The history of the Nippon Steel Co. and its product and also the history of Yawata Works were highlighted for about 20 minutes in a video. The history and explanations about manufacturing were offered by Mr. Koichi Masuda. This was followed by a question-and-answer session in which the students asked about the company's policy of securing stable imports of raw materials, the types of agreements that are reached for the shipping of steel plates for shipbuilding and rail steel for railroads, and agreements on chartering carrier vessels of ore, coke, and coal, and ideas on how to prepare a better environment at the work site. Because the areas inside the Works are expansive and possibly dangerous, the students could only inspect them from inside the bus for most of the tour. But at the blast furnace, they could get off and listen to explanations about steelmaking processes.



Hakata Port

Mr. Kudo from OPRF briefed the students on the objectives of the tour of Hakata Port in Fukuoka Prefecture. They boarded the Mariera and listened to a presentation given by Mr. Masanari Suzuki, Manager of the Port Promotion Section at Hakata Port and Harbor Bureau, on the Port facilities. After disembarking, the students were taken to the Kashii Container Terminal by bus. In a conference room in a building adjacent to the Terminal, a question-and-answer session was held.



September 16, 2006 (Sat)
Himeji Castle

All the students visited Himeji Castle, which is registered as a World Heritage site by UNESCO, and strolled through "Kokoen," the castle's Japanese garden. Because the students' stay in Tokyo had been extended by a day, they could not visit the traditional Japanese cities of Kyoto and Nara this year, which is normally included in the itinerary each year. The visit to Himeji Castle, therefore, offered an opportunity, even though for a short time, for the students to experience Japan's culture and tradition first hand.

Farewell Party in Kobe

A farewell party for the 26 scholarship students was held in the reception hall of the hotel they were staying in, along with members of Friends of WMU, Japan residing in the Kobe region, and others connected to WMU. Warm words of encouragement and support were extended to the students by many supporters of the WMU Sasakawa Fellowship Program, including Mr. Kiyoshi Hara, the Governor of WMU, and representatives from the Japan Coast Guard and maritime universities.

On behalf of the fellows of 2007, Ms. Fancy Numfor from Cameroon gave a splendid address of appreciation and gratitude.

This Japan Field Study Trip, perhaps even more fruitful than in previous years, thus came to a close. The Ocean Policy Research Foundation and "Friends of WMU, Japan" secretariat are keenly aware that the training in Japan would not have materialized without the cooperation of many people. We would like to take this opportunity to thank every one concerned.

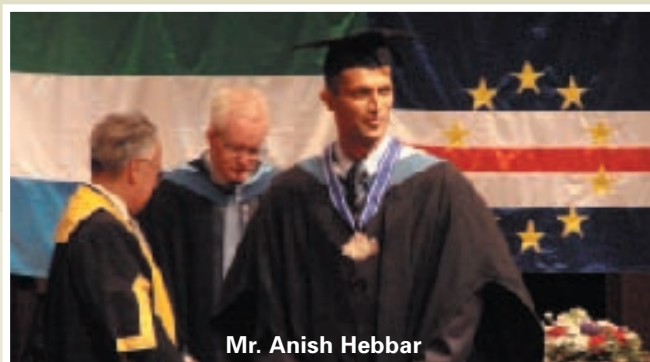




Award Ceremony for Sasakawa Fellows, Class of 2006 and WMU GRADUATION '06

The night before the WMU Graduation Ceremony, the "Award Ceremony for Sasakawa Fellows, Class of 2006" and its reception were held under the sponsorship of the Ocean Policy Research Foundation on Saturday, October 7, at the Japanese Consulate Hall.

At the Award Ceremony, we had approximately 150 guests, including Mr. Efthimios Mitropoulos (WMU's Chancellor and IMO Secretary-General), Mr. William O'Neil (IMO Former Secretary-General), Mr. David Edwards (IMO Staff Head of Technical Cooperation Division), Mr. Andrew Sukawaty (Chairman and CEO of INMARSAT, Ltd), and Dr. Karl Laubstein (President of WMU).



Mr. Anish Hebbar

Mr. Nagamitsu, Executive Director of The Nippon Foundation, presented membership certificates of the "Friends of WMU, Japan" to the 26 new Sasakawa Fellows. We now have 302 Sasakawa Fellows from 43 different countries. We believe that this massive network will eventually help promote maritime affairs now and in the future.

On Sunday, October 8, WMU's Chancellor and IMO Secretary-General, Mr. Efthimios Mitropoulos, conferred Master of Science degrees on the Class of 2006: 113 students from 49 different countries. Ms. Maria Norrfalk, Director General of the Swedish International Development Agency, was the Guest of Honor.

The high point of the ceremony was the presentation of two honorary doctorates: to Mr. David Cockcroft, General Secretary of the International Transport Workers' Federation, and to Mr. Andrew Sukawaty, Chairman and CEO of INMARSAT, Ltd. The awards marked the outstanding global contribution made by both Honorary Doctors of Science, and also the particular support to the growth and development of WMU made by their organisations.

During the ceremony, the annual special awards to students

were announced:

- _ Anish Hebbar (Sasakawa Fellow) of the Indian Coast Guard won the Chancellor's Medal for Academic Excellence;
- _ Paul Wright (Sasakawa Fellow) of the Jamaica Defence Force Coast Guard won the Informa Award for the best dissertation.

At the graduation ceremony, the new Student Council took office. Mokrane Fedila of Algeria takes over as President, and will also serve as a member of the Board of Governors. He will work alongside his colleagues, Ramon Sevilla Lopez (Sasakawa Fellow) of the Philippines, who is Vice-President, Collins Mbah Acho of Cameroon, who is Secretary, and Christian Nchotu Nde of Cameroon, who is Treasurer.

Tree Planting

For the third year running, the graduating students presented a gift to the City of Malmö: 21 new trees for the public park area between the University building and the sea. A large group of students took part in the ceremony, at which the City was represented by Mr. Ilmar Reepalu, Chairman of Malmö City Board, and the University by Professor Patrick Donner, Associate Dean.

This year's trees bring the total of WMU trees to 63. They are whitebeams, a species chosen for its resistance to both salt and wind - essential qualities for survival on the Öresund coast. The trees symbolise the living and growing friendship between the students of WMU and the people of Malmö. The tree-planting ceremony and the gift presented to Mr. Reepalu were co-ordinated by Ali Asghar (Sasakawa Fellow) of the Pakistan Marine Academy.



News from Alumni

Towards Sustainable Exploitation of Fisheries Resources

Anwari Nabil
(Morocco, 2005)

Right after graduating from WMU last October, I was tasked to head the Fisheries Division in the coastal city of Tan Tan, which is located south of Morocco. I regard this new appointment as having great significance, namely, the recognition that WMU graduates can head a division and particularly, towards the development of my professional career. The new position has given me the invaluable opportunity to apply the knowledge and experience that I acquired during my studies at WMU. I also consider it as a benchmark to evaluate my professional skills and capabilities.

It is worth mentioning that the southern parts of Morocco have a huge halieutic potential in some species such as sardines, octopus and calamari.

The Fisheries Division has the following broad objectives:

To carry out administrative management of the fleet registered and active within the district of Tan Tan. This latter consists of small scale, coastal and industrial vessels;

To regulate fishing activity, including, inter alia:

- To deliver and renew fishing licenses, through inspections pertaining to the sea-worthiness of vessels and to the conformity of fishing gear;

- To ensure compliance with the fishery management plan launched by the department in 2004, with respect to cephalopods (mainly octopus);

- To note the infringements of fishing regulations and apply the appropriate sanctions in this respect (fines, withdrawal of license, etc.);

- To prepare statistical and periodic reports, with an emphasis on monitoring significant indicators of fishing activity within the district.

I consider that the achievement of these objectives is not merely a matter of compliance with public policy, but also an approach towards the sustainable development of the fishing industry within this region, bearing in mind the principles of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries adopted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in 1995.



Some freezer trawlers (331 NT, 1200 HP) forming part of an industrial fleet composed of 54 freezer trawlers.



The size of sardines is being checked by inspectors against commercial limits

Chinese Fellows Welcomed Mr. Sasakawa in Dalian

Zhang Shiping
(China, 1995)



(from left) Mr. Fan Zhongzhou (Non-Sasakawa Fellow), Mr. Yu Jian (1993)
Mr. Zhang Shiping (1995), Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, Mr. Bao Junzhong (2004)
Mr. Li Yuheng (2003), Mr. Song Wei (2006)

Life Rescue Training

On the afternoon of October 15, 2006, Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, the head of The Nippon Foundation, met with six Chinese alumni of the World Maritime University at Dalian Maritime University Library, Dalian, China. One of the alumni, Mr. Yu Jian, came over from Beijing for the special occasion, while the rest were from Dalian Maritime Safety Administration and Dalian Maritime University.

Mr. Sasakawa was warmly welcomed by the honor guard students of Dalian Maritime University when he arrived.

During the interaction, each of the alumni introduced themselves and talked about their present jobs and status in their respective institutions. All the alumni were very grateful to Mr. Sasakawa and his Foundation for supporting their attendance at the World Maritime University, which not only benefits their

home country, but the world shipping industry as well. Mr. Sasakawa very much appreciated the work that the alumni have done and wished them even greater success in the future.

On behalf of the Chinese alumni, Mr. Zhang Shiping, Director of DMU Library, expressed the group's heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Sasakawa for taking time out of his very tight schedule to visit China to meet with the WMU-Sasakawa alumni, and presented to Mr. Sasakawa a small token of the group's appreciation.

After meeting with the WMU-Sasakawa alumni, Mr. Sasakawa also visited Dalian Maritime University Library, one of the twenty-four Chinese university libraries with books donated by the Japan Science Society, The Nippon Foundation, the university simulator centre and life-saving training center.

The Port of Brisbane in Australia

Luciola Almeida
(Brazil, 2006)

Instead of flying back to Brazil, I decided to take the opposite direction and go to Australia. The reason was the interest I had after reading an article by Prof. Horck about the port of Brisbane. The port seemed to be quite ambitious: "We will not be the first port in Australia in volume of cargo, but we will be the best in environmental management and quality of service." Wow!

I researched more about the port and reached the conclusion that they were really good in this area. Getting in contact with them, I was lucky enough to be asked to visit in January. I didn't think twice: on the January 1st I was already there, experiencing the beginning of 2006 before the rest of the world.

The port of Brisbane is doing very well in terms of environmental management (it has just won the Australian National Reporting Award from the annual People and Environment Report). Therefore, I learned a lot!



But it wasn't all work. I could also enjoy the world famous Australian trademarks: kangaroos, koalas, beaches, wine, ...and sharks (from a safe distance, fortunately). Australian animals are "the closest things to alien life you are likely to encounter on earth" and the natural environment in the rain forest is also fabulous. Moral of the story: changing a holiday at home for a bit of work isn't so bad!



Summern in Trelleborg

Rodolfo R. Diawa
(Philippines, 2006)

Trelleborg is a nearby town located in the southern part of Skåne, 35 minutes from Malmö city by yellow bus. In this town there are beautiful beaches and campsites where people can relax and spend some time watching the rolling waves of the sea and go swimming. On July 8, 2006, Filipino Sasakawa Fellows, Ruel Concepcion, Larry Gonzales, Maria Theresa Daguio, Eric Evangelista, and Ramon Lopez, myself, and two other Filipino students, Jocelyn Magsalin and Glide Garcia, visited a Filipino-Swedish family living there, who act as foster parents for us.

We spent the whole day doing different activities that make the summer enjoyable. In the morning some of us were busy trying to show our individual expertise in cooking; others prepared the ingredients for more food to be cooked. This kind of activity shows that the Filipino culture of bayanihan (cooperation) still exists. The day wouldn't be complete



Enjoying the Filipino culture of Bayanihan

without the usual gathering in front of the television for videoke, a favorite activity of Filipinos. With the sun still shining we took the opportunity to bounce on the trampoline and play Swedish games.

This is one way to release stress and to build friendships not only with students but other people as well. This experience is another page to be added to the book of a Filipino student's life in Malmö.

Of Coveralls and Hard Hats ...

Anish Arvind Hebbar
(India, 2006)

Field studies are integral to the curriculum at the World Maritime University, particularly so if you happen to be in the Maritime Safety and Environment Protection course. But the MSEP field studies have been characteristically distinct from those of other specializations. While the other specialization students were busy dusting off their business suits in preparation, we MSEP students were issued with coveralls and hard hats.

Soon enough, on a frosty winter morning we were on the freezing deck of a tanker in the port of Malmö studying its compliance with the SOLAS regulations. As if it were not cold enough in Malmö, we pursued our study of *initial and periodical surveys* of both cargo and passenger vessels for a fortnight in Finland. Thanks to the warmth of our hosts we survived the sub-zero temperatures through ice-laden decks, cargo holds and even a lifeboat (albeit secured on a davit!).

Dumle is forever etched in our minds. It's not because we went through a day-long procedure of an inclining experiment aboard the ship to estimate its stability, but it's because we learnt of its owner's weakness for a traditional Swedish toffee that goes by the same name. We have been to the picturesque island of Wen from Landskrona, but only to measure noise



The last students of MSEP at WMO

levels aboard the passenger ferry and verify compliance with the IMO Code. On another occasion, we physically measured a small fishing vessel and then traced out its curves to determine its tonnage. Believe it or not, we have even donned immersion suits and abandoned into a life raft in gale force winds. A fellow student was winched up from the raft. Of course, this was conducted by *Viking* at their world class survival training facility.

Alas! We happen to be the last MSEP course at the World Maritime University. There shall be no more coveralls and hard hats...



Extraction from a Letter to Mr. Sasakawa

Felicity Viola Ankoma-Sey
(Ghana, 2001)

The "Friends of WMU, Japan" secretariat would like to share with all the readers a beautiful picture from Ms. Felicity Ankoma-Sey in Ghana. The following message is extracted from her warm letter:

This picture is of my seven year-old daughter Victoria, my four-years-old Lawrence, Emmanuel, and myself after church service in July, 2006. Thank you all so much for your unending care and kindness towards us Sasakawa Fellows.



April 30th, 2006 Another Date to Remember

Stella J. Katondo
(Tanzania, 2000)

In my country, we have a saying that "One has to cross three bridges during his/her lifetime: Birth, Marriage, and the last one is Death."

The first and last are involuntary, so to speak; you don't have a choice in being born and someday you have to die. On the other hand, the middle one depends on the person him/herself, plus other circumstances of course, whether it happens or not. Also, one can plan and participate fully in this event, contrary to the other two.

On April 30th, 2006, I was able to cross that middle bridge when I married a long-time friend - Michael Paul Likingo, who is logistcian to a local logistics company here in Dar Es Salaam. We had a civil wedding here at a place known as Karimjee Hall, followed by a reception at the Bahari Beach Hotel.

It was a touching and memorable event for me and I'm so happy to share this news with you all.

The Editorial Board Members of the "Friends of WMU, Japan" Newsletter

(left side: Ms. Senuma, Mr. Omi, Ms. Otsuka, Mr. Tagami, and Mr. Ichikawa)
(right side: Mr. Imai, Mr. Hikima, Ms. Yakabe, and Mr. Kudo)



We would like to introduce the editorial board members who have been greatly cooperating with the "Friends of WMU, Japan" newsletter.

Our newsletter, which is basically issued four times a year, in June, September, December, and March, is distributed to WMU Sasakawa Fellows, over a hundred Japanese members of "Friends of WMU, Japan", and a large number of people related to maritime affairs and organizations.

We discuss ideas for the contents of each issue and decide which

articles should be carried in the next issue at the meeting. As you have probably noticed, this newsletter is like the alumni bulletin for WMU Sasakawa Fellows, so to speak; therefore, we would like to invite you to contribute articles, essays, and photos for the newsletter on your daily activities, official occasions, gatherings of Fellows and family information, such as marriages, births, and so on. We look forward to your contributions.

We send you cordial holiday greetings and our sincere best wishes for your prosperity and happiness in 2007.

Editor's Postscript

All the best! - These words always remind me of my graduation day from WMU in 2004. How much of "the best" is given and taken among friends. It was an unforgettable feeling, a complex mixture of wishes and tears. The two years have passed quickly, and I recently used these words again when our 26 new friends from the class of 2007 departed Osaka for Malmö. The field study trip to Japan for Sasakawa Fellows took place in the second week of September, and I was given the opportunity to accompany the group. It was a very nice field trip and I enjoyed visiting a number of remarkable places all over Japan as well as being in the company of our new friends.

You will see in this issue how we had a good time with a lot of laughs. I could not, at the same time, help but thinking about my own classmates. The memories will never fade away even though the time will never come back. I believe all my friends are very well, enjoying good health and their lives, and so am I. Although our paths may cross only rarely in the future, I still believe that we will remain friends forever. My dear new friends and old friends too, I wish you all the best!

Ms. YKABE Fumi (Japan, 2004)

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