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Address by Chairman Sasakawa of The Nippon Foundation at the 50th Anniversary Ceremony of Vietnam Maritime University (April 1, 2006)

Vietnam Maritime University VIMARU, which was established in 1956, celebrated its 50th anniversary on April 1, 2006. A gala ceremony to commemorate the occasion was held in Hai Phong in northern Vietnam.

The ceremony took place in the sports field inside VIMARU where temporary stands were set up for the occasion. While marching music was played by the band, all faculty and departments participated, followed by a salute to the national flag and singing of the national anthem. The ceremonial address was delivered by Dr. Dang Van Uy, President of VIMARU. The honorary title "Labour Hero" and Independence 1st class Award were also presented to VIMARU. A total of 5,000 people attended the ceremony, including 1,500 guests from both Vietnam and overseas, as well as 3,500 VIMARU students, faculty, and other persons involved with the university.

Guests from Vietnam included Deputy Prime Minister Pham Gia Khiem, Minister of Transport Dao Dinh Binh, and Mayor of Hai Phong Trinh Quang Su, who offered their congratulations.

Among the overseas guests and the ambassadors to Vietnam from the many nations represented at the ceremony was Yobei Sasakawa, Chairman of The Nippon Foundation, who spoke about expectations for the development of the maritime fields in Vietnam and the importance of developing human resources.

Twelve Sasakawa Fellows, including Dr. Tran Dac Suu, the former chancellor of VIMARU, and Dr. Dang Van Uy, the present Chancellor of VIMARU, attended the ceremony.

Afterwards, Sasakawa Fellows were able to talk with Chairman Sasakawa. Executive Director of the Ocean Policy Research Foundation, Eisuke Kudo, and Group Leader, Seiji Saeki, joined the discussions.

At present, 18 Sasakawa Fellows with WMU scholarships are actively engaged in various marine-related fields.

The following is a summary of Chairman Sasakawa's speech:



Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is a great honor for me to be here with you, to celebrate Vietnam Maritime University's 50th anniversary.

Vietnam's geography is very similar to Japan's. It is long from north to south. More importantly, it has a beautiful coastline and, like Japan, is very reliant on the sea.

The ocean has played a great role in Japan's economic growth. It has been vital in the areas of commerce, communication, trade and natural resources. Post-war Japan's manufacturing industry and maritime transport have been like twin engines, driving our economy to its present level. Maritime society and the maritime industry have played complimentary roles throughout this period.

Today's Vietnam, on the other hand, is growing by 7% per year. The annual growth of its industrial production is in the double-digits. In Asia, its momentum is second only to China. However, if I may be frank, it needs to put more effort into developing its maritime transport industry. The training of qualified seafarers continues to be central to the

development of the maritime industry. This industry, in combination with the nation's excellent manufacturing sector, is key for Vietnam.

Vietnam Maritime University has produced more than eighteen thousand maritime professionals over the past fifty years. I sincerely respect your great enthusiasm and effort in the development of maritime education, in spite of the tremendous ordeals which have beset the country in that time.

Without maritime transportation, half of the world would freeze and the other half would starve. This reason alone conveys the importance of seafarers, the people who work on the frontlines of maritime transport.

Hence, the worldwide shortage of capable seafarers has become a critical problem. It is said there will be a shortage of more than 27,000 officers by the year 2015.

The Far East and Southeast Asia provide about 40% of the world's seafarers. The populations of merchant marine seafarers are ageing in countries that have traditionally lead the field. What this means is that in the near future, almost all seafarers in their prime of life



will be from Asia. Thanks to this fact, Asia, and Vietnam in particular, have huge potential for supplying internationally qualified officers. This is due to the country's rapid economic development and its people's hard-working character. Therefore, I am sure there are high expectations of Vietnam Maritime University. For it to nurture highly-qualified teachers. For it to review its curriculum to meet changing needs. And for it to introduce innovations aimed at national development and prosperity, as well as at realizing the country's full potential to supply seafarers.

At present, The Nippon Foundation is promoting human resource development and networking projects in the maritime sector. The Foundation is nurturing personnel for the international maritime community. Today, let me introduce two important programs through which we may be able to cooperate with Vietnam Maritime University.

Our support for the World Maritime University is one of the most basic parts of our long-term program to maintain and improve the overall quality of the maritime community.

WMU is a graduate school founded in 1983 in the city of Malmö, Sweden. There, we have established a fellowship which has produced more than 300 fellows from 42 countries. Further, its alumni network has become a useful forum in which to discuss trans-border issues in the marine field.

Another program that we helped to create in 1999 is the International Association of Maritime Universities. IAMU provides a forum for resolving common issues involving maritime universities around the world. Presently, the association is made up of 47 of these universities. Thanks to this network,

member universities are rapidly expanding their activities: promoting the exchange of academic knowledge, developing a common curriculum, and providing opportunities for exchange among teachers and students. Many innovative programs are being accelerated thanks to this network. Programs which enrich the teachers and students at maritime universities.

In recent years, the maritime transport world has come to face numberless problems, from security-related issues such as piracy, to marine pollution. To cope with these issues and on-going changes, capable and experienced seafarers are required. It is obvious that members of the global maritime community must take up this challenge, not on a national basis, but in full partnership with other nations. Central to this is the development of skilled seafarers, the people who support our global community at its most basic levels. Marine safety and the preservation of the global environment should be recognized as one of humankind's common projects.

Last June, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) invited me to speak to delegations from around the world. I used that chance to propose a new concept: "The sustainable development of maritime activities."

This concept is a framework for co-existence between the oceans and mankind. To achieve such co-existence, highly-skilled human resources need to be developed. These people will then effectively address the many difficult problems in this field. But this process will take time.

To supply the human resources needed by the maritime community, we need to move



away from conventional notions. Away from the idea that human resource education simply consists of training seamen in the physical and social sciences. Rather, through professional education, we need to create seafarers who understand the marine environment, maritime administration and policies, international law, and safety management. This will be key to the development of Vietnam Maritime University. It is your responsibility to adapt, developing flexible human resources who will contribute to the global maritime community.

As I mentioned, the training of seafarers is a basis for Vietnam's own economic growth. However, the international maritime community in general, more than ever, needs capable personnel. As a university that is fostering global human resources in the maritime field, Vietnam Maritime University is expected to turn out many leaders. Leaders who will not only serve Vietnam, but the international maritime community as a whole. We intend to support your activities through programs involving WMU and IAMU.

So today, Vietnam Maritime University is beginning a new voyage. One which will be very different from the past 50 years. One on which you will meet many new people. One on which you will acquire much new knowledge. And one which will take you beyond your horizon to a wonderful port of call. We wish you a very successful and fruitful voyage.

Thank you very much.



The 3rd ASEAN-Japan Port Technology Meeting

The third ASEAN-Japan Port Technology Group (PTG 3rd) Meeting was held in Jakarta, Indonesia from February 27 to March 2, 2006. The Meeting was co-organized and jointly supported by the Directorate General of Sea Transport of Indonesia (DGST), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the Ocean Policy Research Foundation of Japan (OPRF). Participating at the Meeting were representatives from Brunei Darussalam, the Union of Myanmar, the Philippines and Vietnam. Back-to-back with PTG 3rd were Port Facility Maintenance Seminar and ASEAN-Japan Workshop on Life Cycle Management of Port Facilities.

It was especially noticeable that Mr. Eisuke Kudo, Executive Director of OPRF, attended the meeting and delivered the opening speech. Mr. Kudo has pointed out the importance of proper and periodical maintenance of port structures in order to secure their designated performance. Mr. Kudo has also appreciated the joint effort by ASEAN member countries and Japan in the course of promoting a standardized practice in the work of port maintenance. Over the two-day program, participants exchanged their experiences and information on the best practices in port technology and maintenance of port facilities.

Being a participant in the program, I felt privileged to attend a regional meeting of this kind. I have learnt a lot, and it was a good chance for me to interact with other colleagues.

Anh Quang NGUYEN
(Viet Nam, 2004)



I was very grateful to be able to see other WMU and Sasakawa Fellows in Jakarta: Mrs. Dyah Umiyarti Purnamaningrum (MA.2004), Mr. Riko Butar Butar (SM.2004) and Mr. Bernard Kristianto Dima (SM.2004). I was thankful for their warmth and care over the time I stayed in Jakarta. After seeing other beloved friends, I would like to quote the WMU song as follows: "In spite of the fact that we have different languages and different cultures, we never feel alone. Various courses at WMU have equipped us with knowledge and skills for a demanding life".

In the end, the participants at the meeting were all thankful to the Directorate General of Sea Transport of Indonesia, Japan International Cooperation Agency and the Ocean Policy Research Foundation of Japan for giving them the precious opportunity to refresh their knowledge in the field of port technology.

As a Sasakawa Fellow, I am deeply indebted to OPRF in particular and The Nippon Foundation as a whole for their financial support during my studies at WMU and also for their continued support after I graduated.

The Thirteenth Port State Control Seminar of the Tokyo MOU held in Nadi, Fiji

Ning Zheng
(Tokyo MOU Secretariat)



Tokyo MOU held the 13th Port State Control Seminar on March 1-3, 2006 in Nadi, Fiji. The seminar was hosted by the Fiji Islands Maritime Safety Administration (FIMSA). Participants from the Authorities of Chile, China, Fiji, Hong Kong (China), Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Macao (China), Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands, Thailand, Vanuatu and Vietnam were present at the seminar. The seminar was sponsored by a fund kindly provided by The Nippon Foundation.

This thirteenth seminar was dedicated to the training of national database managers on the use of the Asia-Pacific Computerized Information System (APCIS) in order to promote and enhance more effective and efficient information

exchange in the region. During the seminar, experts from the APCIS delivered extensive lectures and presentations on functions and features of the database system and procedures and skills for working with the APCIS system. Further, participants were allowed to have practical exercises and tests of various functions of the system.

All participants found this seminar very successful and productive and confirmed that they had learnt a lot about the APCIS system and obtained useful information and materials to transfer to colleagues in their Authority.

Among the delegates at the seminar, there were four WMU graduates, three of whom were Sasakawa fellows: Mr. Li Yu Heng of China (MSEP2003), Mr. Josateki Tagi of Fiji (MSEP2002), and Mr. Joseph B. Badajos of the Philippines (MSEP1999).

New Members of WMU Sasakawa Fellowship, Class of 2007



Colombia
7006 PM

Mr. CASTRILLON, DUSSAN Robert Miguel

Director of International Financial Support Program, Ministry of Defence

My father used to say "There can be incapable men, but never impossible things". The wish to get knowledge to help my country in its maritime developing process will guide me in this important stage of my life. Dedication and effort will be my principles, while discipline and enthusiasm will be the tools to achieve successfully this challenge. The Nippon Foundation can be sure that I'll do my best in response to their appreciated support.



Thailand
7009 MSEA

Mr. DEJKAJORNRIITHA, Surachet

Ship Surveyor, Ministry of Transport, Marine Department

This is a good time to study for the enhancement of the maritime field and promoting good relationships, with friends from all over the world. I will study hard and do my best.



Japan
7012 MET

Mr. EMI, Yutaka

Second Engineer, National Institute for Sea Training

I want to dedicate the knowledge and experience absorbed at WMU to Maritime Education and Training.



Ethiopia
7014 SM

Mr. FESEHA, Andualem Getu

F. East, Red Sea, Gulf & Indian Sub. Cont. S/head, Ethiopian Shipping Lines S.C.

I will strive to gain much knowledge about Maritime Affairs at WMU and to establish strong relationships with fellowship students.



Philippines
7018 MET

Mr. GONZALES, Larry

Assistant Professor, Philippine Merchant Marine Academy

I will take this opportunity to gain more knowledge in my field, Maritime Education and Training, and establish a good relationship with my classmates to promote cooperation among us, here and even when we go home. This knowledge and cooperation will be my guiding torch for the development of Maritime Education and Training in my country.



Indonesia
7021 MET

Mr. HANDOKO, Wisnu

Head of Education & Training Program Unit, Seafarers Education and Training Institute of Tangerang

To achieve professional knowledge through the Master program at WMU, and play a pivoting role in the development of Maritime Education and Training, particularly in my country.



Myanmar
7022 MET

Mr. HTAY AUNG

Assistant Lecturer, Department of Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering, Myanmar Maritime University

I am sure that I can dedicate my skills and experiences to our organization and nation after completing the Master Program. Studying at WMU will enhance my commitment and knowledge to contribute positively towards the Myanmar Maritime University.



Sri Lanka
7024 PM

Mr. MATHURANA GEDARA, Sarath Kumara

Administrative Officer, Sri Lanka Ports Authority

I hope to earn the MSc and serve my country and the world. I'd like to especially thank Mr. Sasakawa and the Ocean Policy Research Foundation of Japan for providing me with funds for my higher education and Sri Lanka Ports Authority for providing me with this opportunity.



Bangladesh
7026 MET

Mr. MAHMUD, Khalid

Senior Education Officer, Marine Academy, Chittagong

My studying at WMU is with a view to enriching the Marine Academy Bangladesh, the centre of maritime excellence, thereby radiating the theory of Mr. Sasakawa, 'One world, one family'.



Japan
7028 MLP

Mr. MATSUI, Yukinori

Staff, Education and Training Division, Japan Coast Guard

I will do my best to continue expanding my knowledge and personal relationships as much as possible in order to contribute toward the maritime field in the future.



Turkey
7031 MLP

Ms. MULUN, Ozlem

Assistant Operator / Expert, Undersecretariat for Maritime Affairs

My goal is not only to carry forward the friendship with my WMU colleagues from different countries but also to complete my masters degree in Maritime Law and Policy with a good grade and to serve the Turkish Maritime Community, as well as to contribute my knowledge toward my country and even worldwide.



Myanmar
7032 MET

Ms. NANG ARM SENG

Assistant Lecturer, Ministry of Transport Myanmar Maritime University

I will study hard to gain much knowledge, so that I can contribute not only to my country, Myanmar, but also, in case of need, to every part of the world, because "The world is a family, and all humankind are brothers and sisters."



Viet Nam
7033 SM

Mr. NGUYEN, Dang Ben

Assistant to Director, Viet Nam Transport and Chartering Corporation

My goals are to complete my Masters degree with high marks, to get as much knowledge about Shipping Management as possible, and to improve my English. In addition, I want to make friends with all of my classmates, to share experiences, culture, and knowledge. It will be useful not only for my studying right now but also for my work when I return to my country. I would like to say, "Thank you very much, Mr. Sasakawa!!"



Indonesia
7039 PM

Mr. SANTOSO, Teguh

Staff of Administration Division, Program and Organizational Sub - Division, Central Sulawesi Transport and Telecommunication Provincial Office

The WMU experience will benefit me as a person, enriching my knowledge about the maritime field as well as offering a multicultural environment. This diversity will lead to a good relationship between us in the future.

The following 27 newcomers have been selected as WMU Sasakawa Fellows, Class of 2007. At the beginning of May 2006, they started their studies at WMU, attending the competitive programs under strict academic supervision. May all of these New Sasakawa Fellows achieve their goals and the completion of their courses, and earn sufficient knowledge and skills to contribute to the future of their own countries.



Mr. SARTOTO, Mugen Supribatin

Rating School Instructor, Indonesian Dept. of Transport Education & Training Agency

I will study hard to get my Masters degree in Maritime Education and Training; I will then be able to help enhance the Indonesian Seafarers Education and Training system in the future.

Indonesia
7040 MET



Mr. BORLAND, Johnnie Agustard

Executive Officer, Belize Coast Guard

My goal at WMU is to achieve the MSc degree in Maritime Safety and Environmental Administration. This will enable me to contribute immensely to the overall growth and development of the Belize Coast Guard and to fulfill our missions as mandated by the Coast Guard Legislation. Thanks to the Japan Ocean Policy Research Foundation and Mr. Sasakawa.

Belize
7053 MSEA



Mr. CHAN, Aventinus Adam

Marine Officer, Sabah Marine Department

It is a great honor to be given the golden opportunity by The Nippon Foundation to study at WMU, an education hub for excellence in the maritime sector. I will try my best to acquire as much as possible the knowledge, experience and skills in maritime affairs for the benefit of my department and my country.

Malaysia
7055 MSEA



Ms. GURUMO, Tumaini Shabani

Lecturer, Dar-es-Salaam Maritime Institute

"Do your best and God will do the rest". Considering this opportunity to study at WMU through the Sasakawa fellowship as a challenge to my carrier in the field of maritime affairs, I am motivated to put more efforts in my studies using my talents and capabilities to achieve the best for the benefit of mankind and all living things.

Tanzania
7065MLP



Mr. KOMARA, Rifanie

Planning Division Staff, Ministry of Communications Directorate General of sea Communication

Thank you to the Sasakawa Fellowship and WMU for giving me a chance to enhance my knowledge in maritime affairs. The important thing is how I will apply the knowledge for the sake of my country and international maritime community. I will use this golden opportunity at WMU to the best of my ability.

Indonesia
7070 PM



Mr. LOPEZ, Ramon Sevilla

Coast Guard Internal Auditor, Philippine Coast Guard

I am very grateful for this great opportunity given by Mr. Sasakawa. I will take this valuable chance to enhance my knowledge as well as establish a valuable network with my classmates coming from all over the world for better co-operation in the maritime field after graduation.

Philippines
7072 ICOM



Mr. MA, Zhaoliang

Section Chief, Maritime Safety Administration

I will do my best to study hard at WMU and dedicate my life to service in the maritime field.

China
7073 ICOM



Mr. MYO NYEIN AYE

Manager, Technical Division, Tariff Department, Myanmar Port Authority, Ministry of Transport

I will give as much energy as I have to study Maritime affairs and subsequently apply my knowledge in the maritime development and human resources sectors in our country and if possible worldwide.

Myanmar
7078 PM



Ms. NUMFOR, Fancy

Support Staff (State Agent), Government of Cameroon Marine Environmental Protection Unit, Ministry of the Environment and Forestry

My main aim is to develop my career in the maritime sector of the transport department in my country and worldwide. As such, having gotten this great opportunity from Mr. Sasakawa to develop my skills and share with WMU friends in this domain, I take it as a challenge to complete my Masters degree course in Integrated Ocean and Coastal Management.

Cameroon
7080 ICOM



Mr. REHMAN, Altaf-Ur

Project Officer, Cadets Training Officer, and Nautical Instructor, Pakistan Marine Academy

I really can not find words to thank Mr Sasakawa for providing me with this opportunity to find a new world of education, humanity and friendship. I had also observed that "friends of WMU Pakistan chapter" is idle, so I promise that I will try to recharge it and spread this light of education and humanity everywhere.

Pakistan
7082 MET



Mr. TIRIKULA, Peni

Technical Assistant, Fiji Island Maritime Safety Administration

In Fiji, we really lack maritime law and policy personel. This course will help minimise and reduce workloads that normally build up due to lack of human resources. Thanks for all your assistance.

Fiji
7085 MLP



Mr. TRAN, Nguyen Khoi

Teacher in Transport, Economics Dept., Ho Chi Minh City University of Transport

I am very happy and lucky to study at WMU. I can gain a lot of knowledge here. It will be very useful for my career as well as the development of our country in Maritime Affairs. There are many difficulties waiting for me. However, I will try to overcome all barriers and get good results. This will be my present to my family, my friends and especially to Mr. Sasakawa, who gave me this opportunity.

Viet Nam
7086 PM



Ms. YU, Hongrong

Director of International Affairs Office, Deputy Director of Presidential Office, Shanghai Maritime University

I'll do my best to acquire knowledge and skills in the maritime field, and establish exchanges and cooperation with the friends I'll meet during my studies at WMU so as to contribute to the prosperity of the future maritime world.

China
7087 MLP

Field Study in the Philippines

27 March - 1 April, 2006

Sophal LASKA (Cambodia, 2006)

During the fourth week of March, my classmates and I travelled to the Philippines for a field study, which was very impressive. Organized for the newly established ICOM - Integrated Coastal and Ocean Management - specialization at the World Maritime University, it was led by Professor Olof Lindén, the holder of The Nippon Foundation Chair in Marine Environment Management. Nine students, including myself, with diverse backgrounds and working agencies came from different countries including Bangladesh, Cambodia, Cameroon, China, Indonesia, Kenya, Portugal and Sweden.



During the field study, we visited the Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA), the Philippine Coast Guard, the Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific, and the University of the Philippines. We were given a number of interesting presentations which provided us with insights into the functioning of these agencies and institutions and the results of their work in the field.

We also visited the PEMSEA pilot project site in Bataan, where we met and talked directly with the local community, fishermen, the local government and its governor, adding on what we had already learned through the presentations given by the staff of PEMSEA. We were also brought by traditional fishing boat to the ground site of the project where we had a chance to see how the fishermen's livelihood is supported by the PEMSEA project, extensive mollusk farms, and two-year-old mangrove forests planted by the local community as part of the project's activities beside a natural green belt of mangrove forest. This project is important to the local community because it has provided them with alternative sources of income as well as increased the production of fish in the area. The PEMSEA project has led to a number



of interesting pilot project activities and has been implemented in various sites of member countries. PEMSEA has been at the forefront for more than a decade in protecting life support systems and promoting the sustainable use and management of coastal and marine resources that are facing pressure from a variety of sources, both from human activities and from natural fluctuations of the environment.

Besides traveling to Bataan, we toured Manila Bay by Philippines Coast Guard Ship to the interesting historical Corregidor Island where there are beautiful natural views. Simultaneously, we also met members of the Japanese Coast Guard visiting the island. They were very friendly. At the end of our tour, we had a picture taken together as a souvenir.

We met with former WMU graduates, including Mrs. Diane Factuar (GMEP 96), PEMSEA's training officer in the technical program operations division; Mr. Ronald Bandalaria, Maritime industry authority; and Mr. Timothy Borja, Philippine Coast Guard, and others at the Philippines Coast Guard Headquarters. Some of them were Sasakawa Fellows.

During the week of our field study in Manila, we were very warmly received by Dr. Chua Thia-Eng, head of PEMSEA, and his team. We were also well received by the General of the Philippine Coast Guard, the President of the Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific, the Bataan governor, and Professor Edgardo Gomez, University of the Philippines' Marine Science Institute.

This field study has provided us with a lot of knowledge, in addition to what we had learned in class and at other field trips, on how to manage and preserve coastal and marine resources which are suffering from human activities, including rapid urbanization and industrialization, overexploitation of resources, and overpopulation.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Professor Lindén for leading us on the field study. We also would like to extend our appreciation to Dr. Chua Thia-Eng and his team for their warm hospitality. And our thanks also to the General of the Philippines Coast Guard, the President of the Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific, the Bataan governor and Professor Edgardo Gomez, University of the Philippines' Marine Science Institute for their kind reception.



Photo by Olof Lindén and Fredrik Haag

Essays

A Momentous Meeting with Mr. Yohei Sasakawa in Ethiopia

Sebhatu Ambaye ALEMU
(Ethiopia, 2005)

Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, chairman of The Nippon Foundation, visited Ethiopia from February 25 to 28 of this year. His visit was an opportune moment for me.

Mr. Sasakawa firmly shows his commitment to his father Mr. Ryoichi Sasakawa's philosophy of "The world is one family; all mankind are brothers and sisters". This philosophy seemingly looks simple and straightforward but its message is very powerful, indeed. What was so interesting and rewarding for me was to witness how Mr. Yohei Sasakawa puts the motto into practice. I witnessed it during the brief moment I met him at the Hilton Hotel, in Addis Ababa on Monday, February 27th, 2006.

I tried in vain to greet him by bowing Japanese style but the greeting was by hugging and shaking hands like old pals reuniting after a long time. I found him extremely humble, polite and extraordinarily sincere when we exchanged views on a variety of issues. My intention was to pay tribute to the opportunity he gave me to study at WMU but he was too polite to acknowledge it. I was overwhelmed rather by his interest in the challenges and success of my work and his desire to help in the development of Ethiopia. I really noticed how happy he was by the success story of Global Sasakawa 2000 in Ethiopia.

I was very much moved by the significance he attached to seeing me and by the manner in which he expressed his respect and affection for me, and his commitment to strengthen development programs in Ethiopia. What grander moment



could there be than to see how the "The world is one family" is being interpreted even at simple personal meetings by a man of such international stature?. It was a rare occasion for me to learn so much about how a man of his stature can leave behind exceptionally strong messages as reflections of his inner principles and philosophy.

The unwritten message I got from the meeting was: "You are armed with the knowledge you obtained at WMU, you can be guided by Sasakawa's motto and work harder in your field to realize a better world, the world of one family". I will try to follow this message. Fellows of "Friends of WMU, Japan", do you share this belief? I think so.

On Attending the Maritime Security Education and Training Seminar

by Toshio Hikima
(Marine Technical College)

Almost two years have elapsed since the entry into force of the ISPS Code on July 1, 2004. In order to gain a better understanding of current security measures in the world and in Japan, under the joint sponsorship of the Ocean Policy Research Foundation (OPRF) and the International Association of Maritime Universities (IAMU), a "Maritime Security Education & Training Seminar" was held in Tokyo on Thursday, March 2, 2006. This consisted of two sections, "Global Maritime Security and Japanese Crisis Control" and "State of Enforcement of the ISPS Code and Education & Training."

This seminar was attended by approximately 147 persons concerned with maritime affairs including "Company Security Officers" whose daily work deals directly with safety issues. The Seminar's contents were very useful for business people and others concerned, since they included specific explanations of how education and training of security personnel is carried out,



with discussions on such topics as "the limitations and tasks of the ISPS Code" and explanations of the "security education and training at the university undergraduate level as well as specialist training" as developed by the California Maritime Academy.

Prominence was given to future tasks and measures to be taken in relation to maritime security, and a lively exchange of questions and answers was carried out in the course of an informal social gathering following the Seminar.

Kon-Nichi-Wa! Baby!



Mr. Nam Hai NGUYEN (Viet Nam, 2002)

As you know, I got married in March 2004 to a WMU graduate. My son was then born in March 2005. His name is Phuoc Toan (which means "Always Happy"). This is the great news which I wish to share with all Sasakawa fellows. My son has just celebrated his first birthday. He has grown up a lot and is quite active. This is the time for him to explore the world outside. His exploration sometimes brings me trouble since I have to clean and fix all of his broken toys after he plays with them. However, I feel very happy and glad to help my son to learn these first lessons in life. His skills improve day by day. Besides my work, I now have another challenge at home to teach and guide my son how to become a useful citizen in the future.



Mr. Asghar ALI (Pakistan, 2006)

After enjoying a week of hospitality at The Nippon Foundation in Japan, I returned to Malmö on Sunday, September 18, 2005. I received big news the next day that I had been blessed with a son in my home town, Karachi. My wife talked to me with mixed feelings of happiness and loneliness. My parents and parents-in-law gave their blessings, and I really owe a lot to them for taking care of my family in my absence. When I first saw my son, Ali Ibrahim, during December leave, he was quiet and calm with eyes wide open as if to say 'Genki'. I also received best wishes from Mr. Eisuke Kudo of OPRF and The Nippon Foundation, and the Honorable Mr. Yohei Sasakawa sent me a beautiful congratulatory card on the occasion.



Ms. Retna Sulistyawati (Indonesia, 2003)

It was in Malmö August 30th, 2003 when life brought me to a happy marriage with Ricardo Eliseo Valdés Cerda, who was a Mexican MSEP student at the time the event occurred. Some months following graduation, we moved to Mexico. Almost two years later on May 1st, 2005, a baby boy named Rigel Ivander Valdés Sulistyan was born in Mexico City. That is a little bit of my life story, and how we never know where destiny will lead us.

Happy Wedding!

Mr. Nguyen Quang Anh (Vietnam 2004), who works for the International Cooperation Department in Vietnam Maritime Administration, informed us that he got married to Ms. Bui Thanh Van, a specialist in finance and banking, on November 21st, 2005. We would like to express our sincere congratulations on their marriage. Best wishes for a happy family.



Condolences

Dr. Günther Zade (East Germany, 1936 - 2006), who served WMU as vice-rector, academic dean, and professor of Maritime Education & Training (MET), passed away on May 4th, 2006. He was a respectable man who was devoted to the development and progress of WMU since its inauguration. He will long be remembered by many people. We shall all pray for him.

Editor's Postscript

It is with regret that I inform you of the passing in May of Professor Emeritus Günther Zade, who was my superior when I was at WMU and who just a year ago complied with our request to write the article "Remembering Professor Kensaku Nomoto" for our 11th edition.

The passing of these two people who became WMU's first Professor Emeriti together in 2001 is an enormous loss to WMU. It is with heavy hearts that we say farewell to these two illustrious gentlemen.

At this time, I also wish to inform you that Mr. Saeki of OPRF,

with whom I have been working as a member of the editorial board, has tendered his resignation. I would like to take the opportunity to express once more my gratitude for his dedication to his work and wish him every success in his future endeavors.



Prof. Toshio Hikima
Marine Technical College

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