

NEWSLETTER Friends of WMU JAPAN

The world is a family, and all humankind are brothers and sisters.

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Message from Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, Chairman, "Friends of WMU, Japan"



It has been one year since the Tokyo Forum and I believe that, since then, all of you have been active in the maritime community in each of your countries.

I have had the opportunity, as I visited The Nippon Foundation's various overseas programs, to go to some of your countries. A short time ago for example, I visited Port Klang, Malaysia to attend the donation ceremony of a buoy tender that was built with our sponsorship, to be used in the Malacca Strait. On that occasion, I was able to meet with several Sasakawa Fellows who had come from a long way away to accompany me on my visit. I was surprised to find that one of the top officials of the Port Klang Authority, where the boat will be based, was a Sasakawa Fellow. I was able to hear from all of the fellows, personally, about the way that their work with the sea is aiding in the nation-building efforts of their countries. Seeing the wide variety of areas in which WMU graduates are active, I was assured all over again that our support for the university has been quite effective.

I have been receiving many letters from you, all of which vividly illustrate your activities. This has really made me happy.

However, one of my greatest wishes for you is that you be able to share information about your activities not only with me, but with each other as well. Through the home page that "Friends of WMU, Japan" built this past spring, and now through this newsletter, that wish is coming true. I cannot congratulate you enough.

From the very start of the fellowship program, I thought that

it could not be considered complete until there was a follow-up program for its graduates. Thus, I bided my time, waiting for the best moment to start it. And then, at the forum last year, I was deeply impressed with the determination that you all expressed, to create this kind of fellows' network. That determination is the reason for this newsletter, among other things.

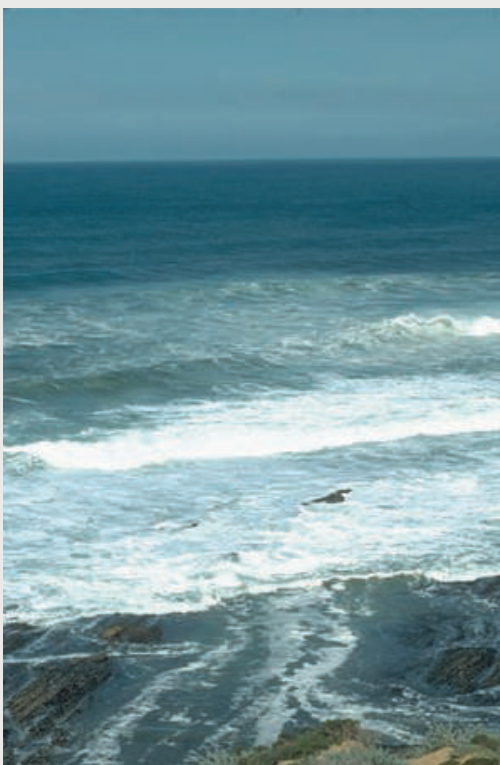
This newsletter is not meant to be one-way broadcast from the Secretariat of the "Friends of WMU, Japan", Ship & Ocean Foundation. Instead, it is to be a means by which you can all communicate with each other with the utmost effectiveness.

For this reason, while this first edition of this newsletter has been prepared by the Secretariat, in the course of time I believe that it must become filled with your contributions and news. I deeply believe that your cooperation, and the fire in your hearts, will enable us to maintain our support for the network and for WMU.

We are all tied through the sea. Through this bond, it is surely possible for us to join with the "Friends of WMU, Japan" in friendship and mutual trust. We can become truly like brothers and sisters, like a family.

I imagine that some of you may be feeling a heavy weight as you shoulder the responsibility of carrying your country into the future. However, I am convinced that our family-like relationship will serve to lighten that load.

As I close, please let me say that I hope to meet you all in your own countries in the near future. I am also looking forward to seeing you when you come to Japan. Please take care of your health and do your best as you care for your country's and the world's sea.





Reception July 30, 2002

The first year students are invited.
Mr. J. A. Nibre, the Philippines is giving a speech.

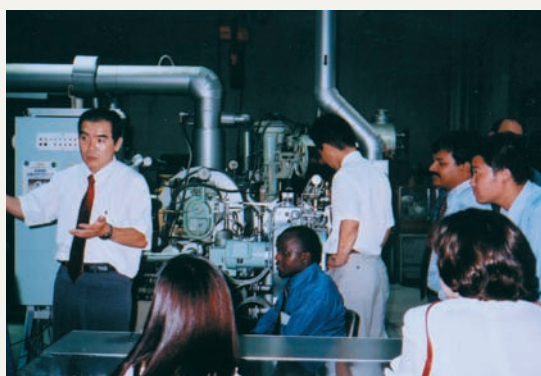
2002 Japan Field Study

JFS is a yearly program for WMU Sasakawa Fellows, in which the Ship & Ocean Foundation invites the first year students to Japan and gives them opportunities to discuss maritime matters with various people in maritime fields as well as to enhance their knowledge about Japan.

JFS this year was held from July 27 to August 4:

1) Visiting The Nippon Foundation (Jul. 29)

At The Nippon Foundation the students found out about its broad range of worldwide activities. Mr. Sasakawa, President of the Nippon Foundation and the Chairman of "Friends of WMU, Japan" talked with the students about



various matters. Mr. Sasakawa said that ocean-related issues will emerge this century, that the sea is communal property and that through "Friends of WMU, Japan", graduates of WMU can exchange information and opinions internationally.

2) Visiting the Tokyo Area (Jul. 29-30)

The students learned a lot by visiting the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, technical institutes, a shipping association and the Port of Tokyo. Invited to a reception, they talked with over a hundred Japanese in the maritime community including members of "Friends of WMU, Japan".



3) Visiting Shikoku, Chugoku, Kobe and Kyoto (Jul. 31-Aug. 3)

The students had a look at the maritime traffic in the very congested Seto Inland Sea. Then they inspected shipyards and ports and talked with officials about Japan's maritime industry.

They also saw educational/training facilities at the Kobe University of Mercantile Marine and the Marine Technical College, and greatly enjoyed the welcome parties.

At Himeji Castle and in Kyoto, they studied Japanese history.

The tour had quite a hard schedule in the heat of summer, but the students handled everything well and hopefully will get good results in their studies. They reached Malmö by midnight on Sunday to start the new semester on Monday morning.



June 13, 2002 at Port Klang, Malaysia

Meeting between Mr. Sasakawa and Malaysian Fellows



This meeting was organized at Port Klang taking the opportunity of attending the donation ceremony of a buoy tender.

Participants

Malaysia: Capt. Wan Shukry Bin Wan Karma, Mr. Krishnan Balakrishnan, Capt. Zainal Akbar Bin Abdul Samad, Mr. Lee Tze Kheong, Mr. Lee Chnua Yee and Mr. Leong Peng Loo **Japan:** Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, Mr. Eisuke Kudo, Mr. Michio Hidaka, and Mr. Toshihisa Yamasaki

Minutes

Each Fellow introduced his current position and assignment. Mr. Sasakawa expressed his recognition of the importance of worldwide communication in maritime fields and the contribution of WMU graduates in this area. In a separate meeting between the Fellows and SOF, the following points were raised:

- Make intra-chapter communication closer.
- Keep the member list updated.
- Start the study of establishing the chapter's website.

Vietnamese Fellows' Visit to The Nippon Foundation

June 24, 2002

Dr. Tran Dac Suu and Dr. Dang Van Uy visited The Nippon Foundation. Dr. Suu is the Rector of Vietnam Maritime University and had been elected as a member of Vietnamese Congress this May. Dr. Uy is the Vice Rector of the University.

They came to Japan to attend a launching ceremony of a bulk carrier, which is owned by a Japanese ship owner and will be manned by graduate students from the Vietnam Maritime University. Mr. Sasakawa and visitors exchanged conversation mainly about the following:

- Efforts and support to improve WMU's curricula.
- Possible contribution to Sasakawa Fellows' Network, the Website and the Newsletter.
- A seminar relating to the sea scheduled to be held next year in Vietnam.
- IAMU (International Association of Maritime Universities)



Regional Activities

June 21, 2002

Meeting in Manila, the Philippines



Participants

Philippines: Mr. Luis Tuason Jr., Mr. Ramon Hernandez, Mr. Ramon Liwag, Mr. Rolando Ricafrente, Ms. Sonia B. Malaluan, Mr. Benjamin Dela Cuesta, Mr. Eduardo Fabricante, Mr. Joseph Badajos, **Japan:** Mr. Haruo Shibasaki, Mr. Tsutomu Inuzuka, Mr. Hideo Kubota, Mr. Toshihisa Yamasaki, Mr. Hideki Maruyama

Minutes

- Keep the chapter's member list updated.
- Contribute to the "Friends of WMU" website and newsletter.
- Status of the Network in Philippines was presented.
- "Forum on Maritime Safety Consciousness and Responsibilities" scheduled to be held late this year was discussed.
- A rough schedule of meeting with Mr. Sasakawa this November was discussed.

Meeting in Hanoi, Vietnam

June 11, 2002

Participants

Vietnam: Dr. Tran Dac Suu, Mr. Pham Hai Bang, Mr. Dao Dinh Tien and Mr. Vu The Quang

Japan: Mr. Eisuke Kudo, Mr. Michio Hidaka, Mr. Toshihisa Yamasaki and Mr. Yasuo Tsuchiya

Minutes

- Vietnamese WMU alumni association has been established.
- The association's website is under construction.
- The association needs Japanese maritime information.
- The chapter is studying to hold a seminar inviting experts in 2003.
- Utilization of the "Friends of WMU, Japan" website for collection and exchange of information on ISM code.



International Maritime Information



International Maritime Organization (IMO)



Balmy breeze from the maritime world

This section will provide information on hot topics in the world maritime communities, especially on those from the floor of the International Maritime Organisation. The present issue features the 48th meeting of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC). It was held from Oct. 7 to 11, 2002 at the IMO headquarters under the chairmanship of Mr. Michel Julian (Australia). Eighty-five countries, one associate member and many organisations attended the meeting and discussed a lot of issues:

1. Ballast water treaty

Hoping to sign in autumn 2003, participants negotiated over the control of transfers of harmful organisms in ballast water. The discussion involved regulations such as ballast water treatment standards in each short and long term, ballast water exchange areas, survey and port state control. No consensus was reached on details, but an inter-session meeting of the ballast working group will take place in March 2003.

2. Ship recycling

To further reduce wastes and to achieve safer and ecological conditions in and around scrapping yards, MEPC is working on "IMO Guidelines on Ship Recycling." Incentive schemes, design concepts facilitating recycling and removing hazardous substances, and roles of stakeholders are at issue. An agreement will be finalised at the next session.

3. Greenhouse gas emission from ships

In cooperation with the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), MEPC is seeking a way to reduce emissions and to allocate emissions to Parties to the UNFCCC. The majority agreed to the following:

- 1) By 2005, MEPC will make guidelines on GHG index scheme and ask its members to implement voluntary measures making use of it;
- 2) By 2010, based on the result of the above trial, MEPC will consider adoption by IMO of further measures for the limitation or reduction of GHG emissions.

China and two other delegations insisted that only developed countries and economies in transition should pursue the GHG reduction following a provision of the Kyoto Protocol to UNFCCC.

4. Enforcement of MARPOL Annex IV (Pollution by sewage from ships)

It was reported that condition of entry into force of MARPOL Annex IV was met this Sept. and it will become effective from Sept. 27, 2003. Resolution MEPC.88 (44) recommended Parties to the Annex IV to implement the revised Annex approved at the 44th session immediately after enforcement. Legal problems in the early implementation will be discussed at the next session.

5. Revision of Condition Assessment Scheme (CAS)

CAS was adopted in MEPC 46 and entered into force on Jul. 1, 2002. The revision, scheduled to be discussed in MEPC 48 to include annexes on the Model Survey Plan (MSP), was adopted in this session with some editorial modification.

6. Status of MARPOL Annex VI (Air Pollution from ships)

Annex VI was agreed to in 1997 and six countries (24.97% of world tonnage) had been ratified as of the end of September. Eleven countries including Cyprus, Greece, Panama stated that they are going to ratify the Annex VI by the first half of 2003, which would mean the Annex will become effective before mid 2004.

7. Revision of category system for noxious liquid substances (MARPOL Annex II)

Based on revision of the GESAMP Hazard Evaluation Procedure for Chemical Substances Carried by Ships in 2001, new category system for noxious liquid substances was discussed. Japan and some countries supported the new 5-category system for economic reasons, whereas the Netherlands and some countries supported the simpler 3-category system. A compromise could not be reached, and this issue will be taken up in the BLG8 and MEPC49.

8. Survey and Certification Guidelines under the anti-fouling system convention

"Guidelines for Survey and Certification of Anti-fouling Systems on Ships", one of three guidelines for the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships, were agreed to and adopted as an MEPC resolution.

9. Election of the chairman for 2003 and dates for the next session

Mr. A. Chrysostomou (Cyprus) was elected chairman by secret ballot. MEPC 49 will be held from July 14 to 18, 2003, subject to approval by the Council.

The Latest on WMU



Enhances academic profile

The World Maritime University is in the process of recruiting four new senior professors to expand and enhance its research profile. Three of these professorial Chairs will be funded by The Nippon Foundation of Japan, while one will be funded by the Canadian government. "This level of investment – almost half a million dollars per year – is indicative of the international community's support for WMU's research profile," said WMU Rector, Dr. Karl Laubstein, "We have invested a great deal of effort in the past two years in making our activities more visible, including starting to publish an academic journal, and we feel that this has now paid off."

On 26 August, WMU and the University of Wales Swansea signed a Memorandum of Agreement to launch a new joint postgraduate programme leading to a PhD in Maritime and International Commercial Law. This unique collaborative programme uses the internationally renowned research excellence of the University of Wales Swansea (UWS), in conjunction with WMU's specific maritime expertise to create a PhD programme of real



Rector of WMU (left) and Professor Rhys Williams, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs at UWS (right)

relevance to the maritime industry of tomorrow.

"WMU is delighted with this initiative, which will really allow students to benefit from the best of both institutions," said Dr. Laubstein. "Swansea's Department of Law is a recognised Centre of Excellence in the UK, and is well-known for its research in maritime law. When this is coupled with WMU's expertise across the range of maritime affairs, we feel that we can offer a very special research opportunity to talented

students, and one that cannot be matched elsewhere."

The first intake to the joint PhD programme will be in September 2003, and these students are expected to graduate in 2006. They will spend time both in Swansea and in Malmö, and have access to the facilities of both institutions at all times. Supervision will be provided by a staff member from each university.



Professor P K Mukherjee, the Director of the symposium on Maritime Violence and Security Issues at Sea

"We are also making excellent progress with the development of a doctorate based solely at WMU," said Dr Laubstein. "We plan to offer a professional degree – a Doctor of Maritime Affairs – along the lines of the Doctor of Business Administration degrees offered by leading business schools in the USA. We see this degree, alongside our Master's programme, the joint PhD programme and our wide-ranging research projects, as completing the WMU postgraduate portfolio."

The Memorandum of Agreement was signed on the first day of a different example of collaboration with UWS. The international symposium on Maritime Violence and Security Issues at Sea, held at WMU from August 26 to 30 was attended by 102 participants from 42 countries around the world. Organised jointly with the Department of Law at UWS, the symposium attracted generous contributions towards its costs from the Governments of Sweden, Germany and the United Kingdom. The symposium attracted a range of distinguished speakers from around the world, who presented papers on topics covering global issues of concern including piracy, the trafficking of illegal immigrants and terrorism.



At the Symposium Reception: Sasakawa Fellow Robertinas Tarasevicius, Lithuania (left)

**Satoshi YABE**Ship Inspector-General, Maritime
Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure

It was 90 years ago in 1912 when the British passenger ship, "Titanic", sank in the North Atlantic Ocean after colliding with an iceberg, which resulted in losses of about 1,500 human lives. Since then, various international conventions were established and enforced to ensure safety of ships. Yet, serious marine accidents involving tankers, bulkers, etc. still continue to occur. The IMO has established legitimate standards, and ships install various safety equipments which introduce art technology

on board. However, the safety of ships cannot be ensured unless people who implement these standards as well as people and organizations that operate ships are competent and reliable. In a consequence, there is a strong clamor for solid implementation of the standards and reinforcement of software requirement recently. In anticipation of the needs in times to come, WMU was established for the purpose of developing maritime talents. I hope that those who receive education at WMU cooperate with each other in raising people in various parts of the world, and contribute to maritime safety. Their success will also be a great pleasure for Japan, which is, under the cooperation of The Nippon Foundation, contributing to the operation of WMU, which is entrusted with an important mission. We are all ready to join forces as members of the WMU Sasakawa Fellows' Network.

Politeknik Ungku Omar (PUO) in Ipoh, West Malaysia, was established in 1969. In 1972, under the Colombo Plan, the Marine Engineering Diploma Course was set up to train engineering personnel to man Malaysian ships.

PUO is a higher education technical institute reporting to the Technical and Vocational Division of the Ministry of Education in Malaysia. Under the Colombo Plan, the Japanese Government provided five advisors and equipment, while the Malaysian Government provided the premises, workshops, local teaching staff, additional equipment and operating budget.

The Japanese Government stopped sending advisors in 1984, but assistance in the way of machinery spare parts and technical know-how has continued from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) until today. This is considered as one of the successful JICA's projects.

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In 1997, Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Japan funded one lecturer from PUO to pursue MSc. Maritime Education and Training at WMU, Sweden. The following year, another lecturer from PUO also funded by Tokyo Foundation pursued the same course.

In 2001, JICA sent a senior volunteer to PUO, Marine Engineering Department as an advisor. The great contribution of Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations from Japan has allowed the Marine Engineering Diploma Course to keep up with the high technology maritime industry.

The full text of each essay will be seen at the website:

<http://www.wmu.sof.or.jp/>

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WMU has given me the ability to understand and the flexibility to adapt to changing international maritime issues, allowing me to fulfill my responsibilities for maritime development and to improve international co-operation.

The enjoyment and difficulties of living in a multi-cultural environment has made me realize how important it is for countries to live in harmony, with so many diversified cultures, ideologies and customs.

My memory of the reunion of graduates at the

WMU Japan Sasakawa Fellows Forum last year has left a deep impression, especially President Sasakawa's keynote speech. The concept of a human network is what I have been trying to achieve during my two years' stay in Malmö. In this divided world, it is important to cherish being here together by building friendships among all students. Since the maritime industry is international, it is through shipping that all people can come closer to each other. We students at WMU all wish to cooperate in the future.

After graduation, I will work as a lecturer at the Japan Coast Guard Academy. I hope to pass on to the cadets the new ideas and knowledge I have gained at WMU to help them grasp and cater to the world trends in the maritime industry.

Since the establishment of the WMU in 1983, the Swedish city of Malmö has undergone several changes. The basic character of this city, Sweden's third largest - however, remains unchanged. Its sprawling parks, distinctive architecture, tree-lined canals and the rich tapestry of its multi-ethnic population speak of an unhurried pace of life, goodwill and tolerance.

The biggest change that came about in recent years and made a great impact on the local populace was the completion of the Öresund Bridge in 2000. This modern engineering marvel links Malmö with Copenhagen, Denmark. It now takes only 22 minutes to travel in comfort by train between Malmö Central Station and Copenhagen Airport. The benefits derived are numerous and the local economy is responding positively to this new connection between Sweden and Denmark. The scene of workers and office-goers commuting between Malmö and Copenhagen is now a

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part of the normal, daily activity. On the other hand, the city lost some of its prominent symbols of an older economy. A distinctive feature of the city that passed into history with the advent of the Öresund Bridge was the ferry service that once linked it with Copenhagen. Yet another feature of the city to disappear this year was the majestic travelling crane of Kockum's Shipyard. Once an inseparable part of the skyline, the crane has recently been demolished and sold to a Korean shipyard. The Swedish presence in shipbuilding spearheaded by Kockum's and symbolised by this mammoth crane now passes into history. It is with a heavy heart that the local population bids farewell to this great symbol.



Kenji ISHIDA

Professor, Kobe University of Mercantile Marine

Nagasaki is where I was born and grew up. My parents and childhood friends live there.

Kobe is where I studied marine engineering as a student. There, I became acquainted with some Japanese people who helped me learn about shipping.

London is where I devoted myself most to my study. There, I became acquainted with some British

and Syrian families.

Tokyo is where I found a job in the field of ship classification, and got married and settled down. There, I became acquainted with many Orientals in the area of shipping.

Kobe is where I am teaching marine engineering as a teacher. There, I became acquainted with Japanese and Asian students.

Malmö is where I taught MET at WMU. In various parts of the world, I made acquaintances and friends who are active not only in the maritime field but also in various other fields. For me, Malmö is a door on which I knocked, and the door led me to the world.

Education in Ghana is usually preceded by some form of pre-school preparation in a nursery or kindergarten. These are usually found in urban areas where most parents are workers and therefore are not home all of the time. These therefore serve more as child day-care centres even though they give the children some form of pre-school training. The idea is gradually catching on in rural areas where most dwellers are farmers and therefore away from home most of the time, too. However, here the service is provided by the government and is usually free.

Basic education consists of six years in primary school and three years at junior secondary school. This is followed by a further three years in the senior secondary level in preparation for entry into university or technical school.

Catherine HAIZEL

2002052, MET, Ghana



Up to junior secondary level, apart from mathematics, English and science, other subjects now taught include technical and vocational skills. These practical subjects equip children who are unable to enter tertiary institutions, with the basic knowledge to engage in other useful self-initiated ventures.

Continuation at the senior secondary level involves subjects other than basic ones, such as economics and government. The system though laudable has been experiencing a lot of problems and therefore is not as effective due to lack of resources in terms of infrastructure and manpower.

Essay — Summary



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The first day in the clean city of Malmö gave me a positive attitude at the beginning of my 17 months study at WMU.

Every graduate of WMU remembers the old classic building at 6 Dispontegatan as their home during their studies here: The big family, different cultures, social activities, never ending study program and homesickness. This had a massive impact on the cooperation among the students, sharing and supporting one another, fulfilling the IMO objective of a Network.

As students head back to their countries, life in Malmö doesn't become just a chapter in their lives, but a beginning for graduates to use their expertise in various areas.

I would like to thank the Ship & Ocean Foundation for their support in funding my studies and especially Mr. Yohei Sasakawa for his vision, and his belief that developing states need to have the same privilege as that of developed maritime states in the Global Maritime Industry. The WMU Japan Sasakawa Fellows Network had emerged when numerous global events now affecting the maritime world took place. The formation of the Fellows Forum will provide greater international cooperation among maritime states through the SOF-WMU graduates, enhancing the object of IMO "Safer Ship and Cleaner Ocean", and sustainable development.

There are around two hundred countries and four major religions in the six continents around the world. But we are not as devoted to our beliefs as Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, president of The Nippon Foundation is. I, will never forget this great man's words. He said, "The world is a family, and all humankind are brothers and sisters."

From that time, I have followed his beliefs and realized the friendship among human beings. My heart is soothed.

Every religion is good when it's performed with devotion. Really, religion is a matter of belief as well as deeds. I, in the core of my heart, understand the meaning of Mr Sasakawa's speech. As a follower of Buddhism, I believe that all human beings are equal.

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Every man has the same feelings of honour and disgrace. We share the same roots. Our destination is the same. We live in the same world, the same environment. Friendship, brotherhood, covers all human beings under an umbrella.

The Nippon Foundation creates closer ties between the donor and the fellow donees. I bow my head to this great organization. It creates a unique example of brotherhood. Finally, I wish the organization progress and long life. I also pay the greatest respect to Mr. Sasakawa.

Information

Chairs sponsored by The Nippon Foundation

Three new WMU Chairs have been established with funding provided by The Nippon Foundation. Applications are invited from specialists with doctoral degrees, experience in teaching and supervision at the postgraduate level and distinguished track records in research and publication in the following fields:

Maritime Technology: maritime safety/security, maritime pollution, or its use in the implementation of international conventions

Marine Environment Management: sea use/resource management, legal instruments for marine environment

management/protection, or ocean/coastal zone management

Maritime Administration: maritime law, public/private administrative systems, or resource management in public administration

Further information about the three Chairs is available from Ms. Eva Holten in the office of the president, WMU.

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Deepest sympathy to our friends



Dr. Kensaku Nomoto

Dr. Kensaku Nomoto, Emeritus Professor of WMU, died on July 20 when he had a sailing accident. He taught at WMU from Feb. 1983, at the very beginning of the University, to Mar. 1987. A number of the graduates he taught are now working all over the world to build up their countries. He was seventy-six.



Mr. Romeo Gagui

Mr. Romeo Gagui, Class '92 of WMU with a master's degree in General Maritime Administration, former Director of the Batangas Maritime Regional Office and elected Vice-President of the WMU-Sasakawa Fellows Philippine Chapter, Inc. passed away last August 6, 2002 due to cerebrovascular disease.

Their untimely demise brought untold sorrow to their families and friends but their memory shall forever live in the hearts and minds of those whom they dearly loved.

We welcome your contribution!

The Secretariat would like to invite you to contribute either for the Newsletter or for the Website. Photographs are also welcome. (We prefer to have printed copies sent by post, but for those who wish to send by e-mail, density of more than 400dpi is required.)

Website of "Friends of WMU, Japan" which started its operation in April, 2002 has been under renewal and its Free Discussion Page will be available shortly.

The Vietnamese Chapter has established its website: <http://www.wmu-vn.com>

Editors' Postscript

I would like to thank everyone for their contribution to the issuance of this first edition. In order to make the Newsletter more solid, we need your continuous support and contribution.

More than one year has already passed since the first WMU Sasakawa Fellows Forum was held in Tokyo, in which 97 WMU graduates and 48 current students from 28 countries participated.

The website of the fellowship society, which I began to make while I was serving in WMU (from January 1999 to March 2002), is now in operation, and I will be engaged in the foundation of the newsletter hereafter. I expect that my relationship with

WMU is likely to continue for a long time.

The number of Japan Sasakawa Fellows now exceeds 200, and I hear that alumni reunions were held in some countries. It is becoming increasingly important to maintain a strong network among the fellows, and I would feel amply rewarded for my efforts if this newsletter proved helpful for that purpose.

In closing, I regret that Professor Nomoto, who was the first professor from Japan and who became the first professor emeritus of WMU last year, is not here to see this.

T. Hikima

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