



Public Interest Incorporated Foundation
Japan Maritime Center

1. About Japan Maritime Center

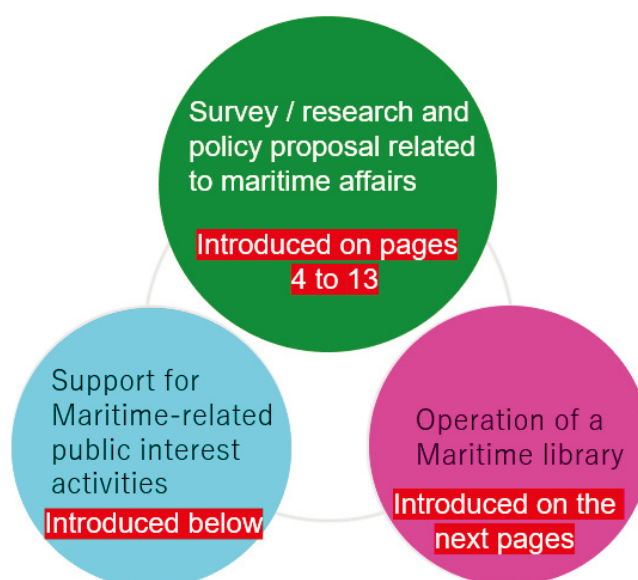
1) Profile

The Japan Maritime Center (JMC) is a core think-tank of the maritime community in Japan. We will aim to contribute to further facilitate cooperation and collaboration among stakeholders in the maritime industry, government agencies and research institutes, to address the increasingly complex challenges relating to the maritime sector, taking into account the rapidly changing environment in the international community and global economy.

2) What we do

Our work is composed of 3 functions; (1) survey and research and policy proposal related to maritime affairs, (2) support for maritime-related public interest sector, (3) operation of a Maritime Library.

These three functions reduce a gap between maritime industry, governmental bodies, and academia, that will deliver the great value to maritime community in Japan.



i) Support for Maritime-related Public Interest Activities

JMC supports maritime-related public interest activities that promote cooperation with related organizations based on the needs of society, such as SDGs, global environment, and work style reform.

ii) Subsidized Organizations in FY2023

JMC provided 1.26 billion yen in subsidies to 17 organizations.

- a) Maritime Law (1 organization)
- b) Seafarers (3 organizations)
- c) Maritime Safety (10 organizations)
- d) Maritime Public Relation (2 organizations)
- e) Pilot

iii) Operation of a Maritime Library

Maritime Library is a library dedicated to maritime affairs. It is open to maritime professionals as well as the general public.

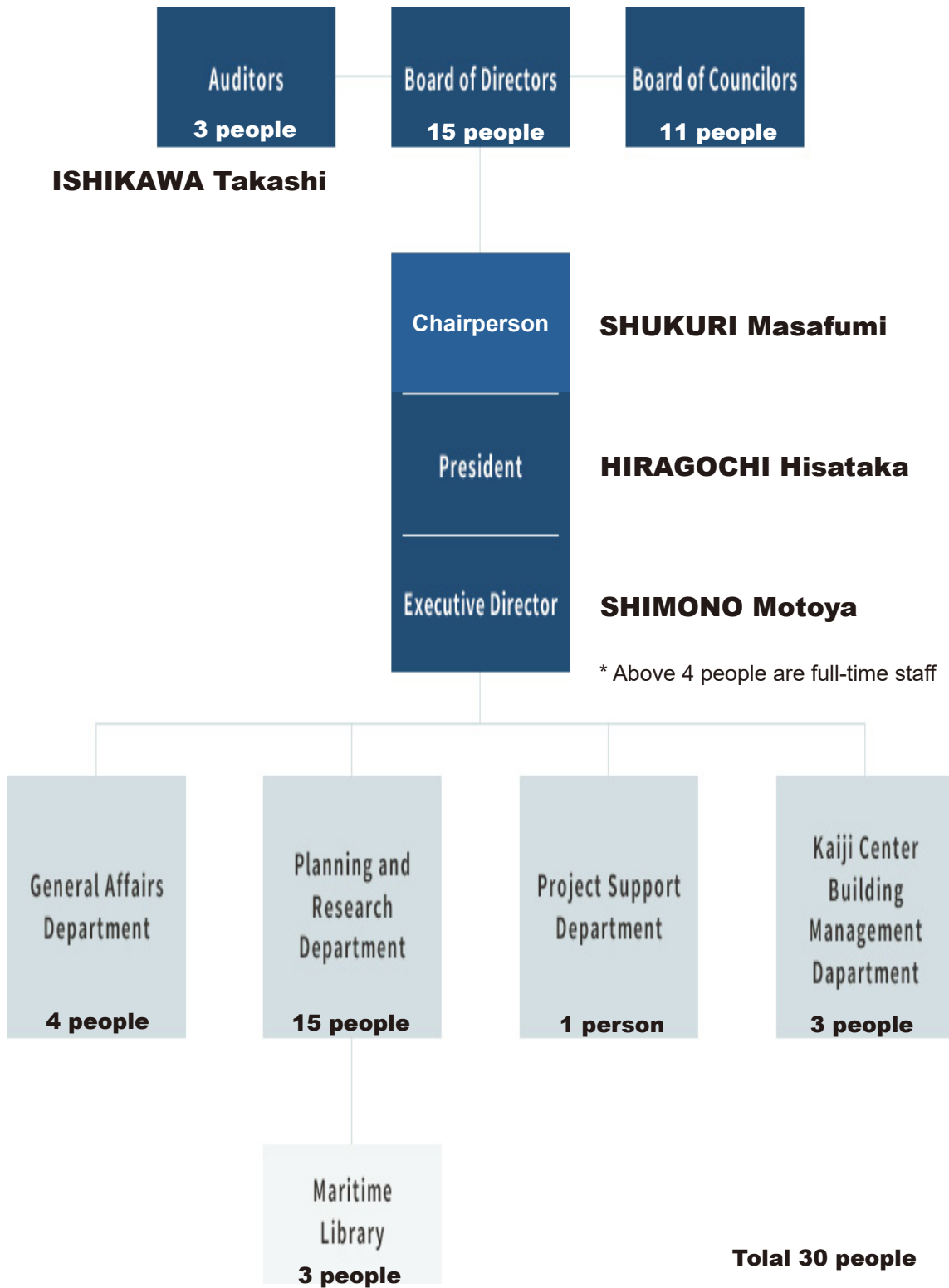
The library's collection includes approximately 33,000 domestic and foreign books and more than 800 different magazines, ranging from books and magazines for professionals to those for the general public.



Collections

- Lloyd's Register of Shipping: Register of Ships (1764-)
- Review (Fearnleys) (1964-2008)
- Statistical Tables (World Fleet Statistics) (1949-2020)
- Shipping Statistics Yearbook (1966-)
- Containerisation International Yearbook (1972-2012)
- Review of maritime transport (1968-)
- Maritime Transport (OECD) (1958-1999)
- Containerisation International (1977-2017)
- Fairplay (1884-2018)
- Lloyd's Shipping Economist (1979-2009)
- Shipping World and Shipbuilder (1948-2014)

3) Organization



2. Survey and Research

1) Survey and Research Activities through JMC Standing Committees

JMC conducts survey and research, and makes policy proposals, organizing “Research Group on Shipping Issues,” with the participation of industry, governmental bodies, and academia.

“Research Group on Shipping Issues” has “Board of Research Committees,” which is forum for discussing a basic policy and comprehensive strategy of survey and research projects or policy proposals.

“Research Group on Shipping Issues” has 5 Standing Committees, in which individual issues are studied and discussed in line with the policy and strategy adopted by the “Board of Research Committees.”



Chairperson of Board of Research Committees

YAMASHITA Tomonobu
Professor Emeritus, the University of Tokyo



Chairperson of Issues raised in the IMO Legal Committee and Issues on the Activities of the IOPC Funds

FUJITA Tomotaka
Professor, the University of Tokyo



Chairperson of Issues on Seafarers

HABARA Keiji
Visiting Professors, Kobe University



Chairperson of Issues on Marine Environment

YOKOYAMA Akira
President of Japan College of Social Work
Professor Emeritus, Chuo University

2) Survey and Research

JMC will analyze recent trends in international situation and grasp the needs of the maritime community. JMC is engaged in the following activities in cooperation and collaboration with industry, governmental bodies, and academia, so that Japan may chart a right course and continue to thrive as a maritime country and a marine nation.

- Contribute to the sustainable development of the maritime industry centered around the ocean shipping industry, addressing following issues.
 - Decarbonization of international shipping as a countermeasure against climate change
 - Securing and developing maritime human resources
 - Strengthening the international competitiveness of ocean-going shipping
 - Promotion of maritime innovation
 - Development of new markets
 - Growth of maritime clusters
 - Development of global supply chains centered on East Asia and ASEAN countries
 - Japan's engagement in the formulation of international rules and regulations at the IMO and other organizations
- Contribution to stable international maritime transport and Japan's economic security
- Grasping and analyzing trends of domestic and international maritime transport
- Contribution to securing fairness and equitableness of international compensation scheme for damages caused by maritime accidents

3) Researchers

See Attachment No.1.

3. International Activities

Attending International Meetings

JMC researchers attend the following international conferences and has outstanding professors participate in those conferences as a part of the Japanese delegation.

IMO Legal Committee

IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee

IOPC Funds meetings

JMC holds 5 Standing Committees under “Research Group on Shipping Issues” before the international conferences. Various issues raised in the conferences are discussed among the members of Standing Committee, including representatives of industries, public officers and academia. The members also include the professors and the researchers to attend the international conferences. Some professors have contributed to discussion in the international conferences, serving as a chair or a vice chair.

Visits to International Organizations and Exchange of Information

On November 6, 2023, Chairperson SHUKURI Masafumi and Senior Research Fellow NOMURA Setsuo visited Secretary-General Kitack Lim. The both representatives have exchanged views on current topics around international maritime industry.



Mr. Lim expressed his gratitude to JMC and the Japanese delegation for their contributions to the IMO and World Maritime University.

Overview of Japan Maritime Center



On November 6, 2023, Chairperson SHUKURI Masafumi and Senior Research Fellow NOMURA Setsuo visited IOPC Funds and met Director, Mr. Gaute Sivertesen.

Source of photo;

<https://iopcfunds.org/news/visit-from-the-chair-of-the-japan-maritime-center-and-representatives-of-the-japanese-delegation/#>

Presentation at International Seminar

On September 1st, Research Fellow MORIMOTO Seijiro has made a presentation at Latin America-Japan Hydrogen Workshop 2022 held by the Institute of Energy Economics Japan (IEEJ) to address prospects and challenges of market-based measures for international shipping.

Partnerships with WMU etc.

JMC has concluded an agreement for cooperation of research and study with the World Maritime University in Malmö. Under the agreement, JMC will collaborate and interact with professors and experts of the WMU on its study, build up an international information network in addition to domestic one in the maritime community and refine its research skills and methods.



Visiting the World Maritime University (April 2023)

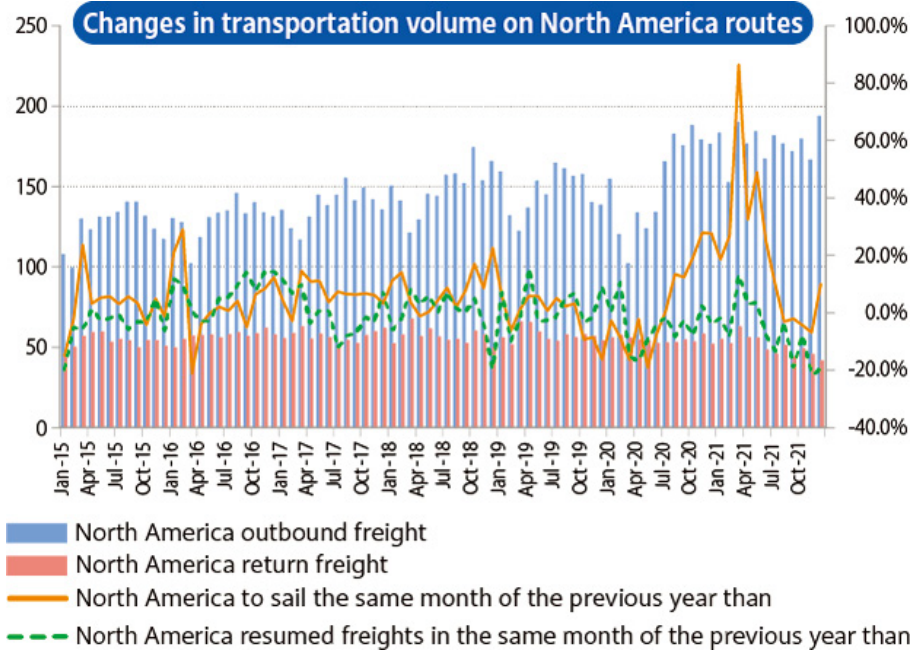
JMC makes research about maritime transport and logistics abroad and exchange of information and views about them, actively collaborating with universities, think-tanks, and research institutes etc. in Japan.

JMC promotes understanding of younger generation, forging future of Japan, about maritime and shipping policies.

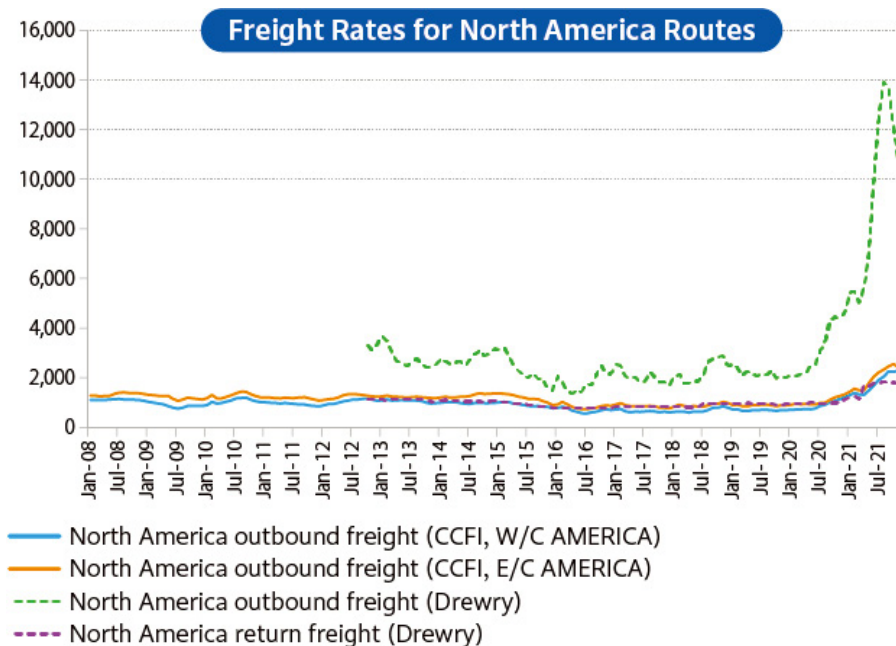
4. Statistical Data and Analysis

Publication of the Latest Data

Import and export statistics for major container routes are released monthly.



- Trends in Containerized Cargo Movement between Japan, Asia and the U.S.
- Trends in Containerized Cargo Movement between Japan, Asia and Europe
- Trends in Japan-China Container Routes and Intra-Asia Container Routes



5. Forum and Seminar

1) Maritime Nation Forum

The Maritime Nation Forum is held once or twice a year to attract public interest and gain wider understanding on the activities of the maritime community by inviting speakers and panelists to discuss outstanding issues.

The 32nd Maritime Nation Forum in Mie 2023 (11, October)

“Maritime Promotion Integrated with Tourism and Safety and Security of the Sea”



*See Attachment No.2

The 31st Maritime and Tourism Forum in Okinawa 2023 (10, February)

“The History and Unlimited Potential of Okinawa's Churaumi Sea - Toward the Future of Maritime Affairs and Tourism”



2) International Maritime Seminar

Joint Seminar by Japan Maritime Center and the IOPC Funds

(18, October, 2023)

“The Role of the IOPC Funds in the Protection of the Marine Environment - Now and in the Future-“

This seminar was internationally delivered online.



*See Attachment No.3

JMC-WMU Joint Symposium “New Technology FOR Seafarers’ Future”

(8, November, 2023) To be delivered on line soon.



*See Attachment No.4

3) JMC Maritime Promotion Seminar

JMC started “JMC Maritime Promotion Seminars” in March 2022 to discuss various maritime issues, including research topics that the JMC is working on. Its aim is to analyze the issues from different perspectives, to share the information of development of projects or initiatives dealing with the common maritime issues and to exchange the views about proposals for solutions.

The 7th JMC Maritime Promotion Seminar (July, 2023)

“Container shipping industry overview and outlook”



The 6th JMC Maritime Promotion Seminar (May, 2023)

“Challenges and future prospects of international shipping and logistics for resilient global supply chains”



The 5th JMC Maritime Promotion Seminar (9, December 2022)

“Legal development and promotion of the use of electronic bills of lading”



The 4th JMC Maritime Promotion Seminar (October, 2022)

“The shipping industry’s role in offshore wind power and future prospects”



The 3rd JMC Maritime Promotion Seminar (July, 2022)

“Current status and prospects of Japan’s trade digitization in international logistics”



The 2nd JMC Maritime Promotion Seminar (June, 2022)

“Prospects for east Asian logistics under RCEP and post-COVID 19”



The 1st JMC Maritime Promotion Seminar (March, 2022)

“The container-shipping industry is undergoing major changes due to the spread of COVID 19 etc.”





Hideyuki NAKAMURA, Senior Research Fellow

Areas of Expertise:

International Law, International Maritime Law, Law of the Sea, and Shipping Policy

Research subject:

Issues considered in the IMO Legal Committee
Issues considered in the IOPC Funds' governing bodies
Preferential taxation system for shipping industry
Legal aspects on maritime autonomous surface ships
Flag state jurisdiction and port state control
Roles and responsibilities of classification societies
Challenges about utilization of electronic B/L



Setsuo NOMURA, Senior Research Fellow

Areas of Expertise:

Tonnage Tax, Maritime Education and Training, Environmental Law and Policy

Research subject:

Policy measures for competitiveness of shipping companies
Education for foreign seafarers on Japanese ships
Legal system for securing maritime professionals



Seiji MORIMOTO, Research Fellow

Areas of Expertise:

International Law, Environmental Policy in Shipping

Research subject:

Market-based measures to reduce GHG emissions from international shipping



Naoshige SAKAMOTO, Researcher

Areas of Expertise:

Public International Law, International Environmental Law, International Law of the Sea

Research subject:

Laws and policies related to vessels involved in offshore wind power



Hiromasa GOTO, Researcher

Areas of Expertise:

Maritime Economics, Container Shipping, International Logistics and Transport Economics

Research subject:

Trends in marine transportation volume and market conditions
Analysis of the current status of the maritime cluster



Hideo FUKUYAMA, Visiting Researcher

Areas of Expertise:

Maritime Economics, Container Shipping, Intermodal transport, Port Economics, International Logistics and Transport Economics

Research subject:

International intermodal transportation and global supply chains



**Takuma MATSUDA, Visiting Researcher
(Professor at Takushoku University)**

Areas of Expertise:

Maritime Economics, Container Shipping, International Logistics and Transport Economics

Research subject:

Container shipping market
Transport mode change in Japanese domestic cargo transport



Yuki KITAJIMA, Assistant Researcher

Areas of Expertise:

International Law

Research subject:

Issues considered in the IMO Legal Committee

Issues considered in the IOPC Funds' governing bodies



Daijiro TANAKA, Assistant Researcher

Areas of Expertise:

History of ideas, Legal history, Politics of Local Government

Research subject:

Maritime education and training in foreign countries



WANG Wei, Assistant Researcher

Areas of Expertise:

Labor Economics, Social Security

Research subject:

Analysis of China's maritime cluster

Chinese maritime education



Karina MACHIDA, Assistant Researcher

Areas of Expertise:

Chinese Criminal Law, Chinese Law(s), Comparative study of Inspection law between China and Japan, Comparative study of Police Organization between China and Japan, Chinese Logistics

Research subject:

Policies to reduce GHG emissions from international shipping

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Participation is Free

The 32nd Maritime Nation Forum in Mie 2023

Maritime Promotion Integrated with Tourism and Safety and Security of the Sea

2023
10.11 WED
13:30~17:35

Doors open at 13:00

Venue: Toba Hotel International
Harbor-Wing 6F "KAIJO"
Toba City, Mie Prefecture

Capacity: The first 200 people

Organized by Japan Maritime Center

Cooperated from Ministry of Land, Infrastructure,
Transport and Tourism (MLIT), Mie Prefectural Government
and Japan Coast Guard (JCG)



Toba Event Information for October



Program

13:30 Welcome Remarks

Chairperson of JMC, Mr. SHUKURI Masafumi

13:40 Remarks from Our Honored Guests



Governor,
Mie Prefectural Government
Mr. ICHIMI Katsuyuki



Mayor,
Toba City
Mr. NAKAMURA Kin-ichiro

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14:00 Special Presentation

Challenge of Mie Prefectural Government



Governor,
Mie Prefectural Government
Mr. ICHIMI Katsuyuki

14:30 Presentation

Aiming at Man's Coexistence with the Ocean, ISE-SHIMA Area



Chairperson,
ISE-SHIMA National Park Ecotourism Promotion Council
Ms. EZAKI Kiku

15:00 Coffee Break

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15:10 Panel Discussion

Addressing Maritime issues, Coordination and Cooperation among Related Parties



Moderator,
WASEDA University
Faculty of Law
Prof. KAWANO Mariko



Panelist,
Commander,
4th Regional Coast
Guard Headquarters
Mr. OKU Yasuhiko



Panelist,
Director General,
Chubu District
Transport Bureau
Mr. KANEKO Masashi

15:50 Research Publication

Recent Trends in Offshore Wind Power in Japan and Overseas



Researcher,
Japan Maritime Center
Mr. SAKAMOTIO Naoshige



Commentator,
WASEDA University
Faculty of Law
Prof. KAWANO Mariko

16:20 Coffee Break

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16:30 Special Presentation

Approach to Maritime Safety and Security



Japan Coast Guard Commandant
Mr. ISHII Shohei

17:00 Music Festival

Japan Coast Guard Band
Live Performance



UMIMARU & UHMIN
(JCG's Mascot)

17:30 Closing Remarks

Chairperson of JMC, Mr. HIRAGOCHI Hisataka

Joint Seminar by Japan Maritime Center and the IOPC Funds

“The role of the IOPC Funds in the protection of the marine environment —Now and in the future—”

Objectives:

- 1) Renew awareness of the activities of the IOPC Funds by inviting the Director of the Funds as a key note speaker at the time of his visit to Japan. The topic will cover the recent developments, challenges, and future prospects of the Funds. The focus will be on the roles that the Funds have played for the marine environment protection and oil pollution prevention, and the contributions made by the Funds so far by providing the victims of the oil pollution damage caused by carriage of oil by tankers, with the rapid and sufficient compensation in the international context.
- 2) Provide opportunities to learn recent developments, challenges and future prospects on (i) marine environment protection, preparation for oil pollution prevention and experience of response to oil pollution, such as various efforts made under OPRC and MARPOL Conventions, (ii) SIRE programme of oil industry provided by OCIMF and technical services provided by ITOPF to shipowners and authorities at the time of marine pollution incidents.



Date: **October 18, 2023**
Venue: **Iino Conference Center, Room A (Hybrid Format)**
Language: **Japanese/English (with Simultaneous Interpretation)**

Suggested Programme

13:30 Opening Remarks, Mr Masafumi Shukuri
(Chairman of Japan Maritime Center)



13:35 Presentation 1 (Keynote),
Mr Gaute Sivertsen, Director, IOPC Funds, 35 mins
“The role of the IOPC Funds in the protection of the marine environment now and in the future”



14:10 Presentation 2,
Dr. Shinichiro Otsubo, Distinguished Project Research Fellow of JTTRI and Specially Appointed Professor of Tokai University (former Director-General of Maritime Bureau, MLIT), 25 mins
“Policy instruments to enhance the maritime safety and environment protection”



14:35 Coffee Break

14:50 Presentation 3,
Capt. Aaron Cooper, Programmes Director, OCIMF, 25 mins
“SIRE 2.0; A step change in tanker inspections, vetting and assurance”



15:15 Presentation 4,
Ms Ayumi Therrien, Technical Adviser, ITOPF, 25 mins
“The Role of ITOPF during Marine Pollution Incidents”



15:40 Presentation 5,
Capt. Haruhisa Fujino, Energy Co-ordination Group General Manager, NYK Line, 25 mins
“Safety of NYK Energy Transportation”



16:05 Presentation 6,
Mr Motonari Adachi, Deputy Director General, Guard and Rescue Department, JGC, 25 mins
“Action of the Japan Coast Guard for the marine environment protection including the oil spill response”



16:30 Coffee Break

16:45 Panel Discussion, 70 mins
Coordinator: Prof. Tomotaka Fujita, Professor of Law, Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, The University of Tokyo
Panelist: Mr Sivertsen, Dr. Otsubo, Capt. Cooper, Ms Therrien, Capt. Fujino, Mr Adachi



17:55 Closing Remarks, Dr. Hideo Osuga
(Member of the Joint Audit Body of the IOPC Funds)



Reception after the Seminar

* The program, speakers and time of this seminar are subject to change without notice.



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Registration

Please register from the URL link or QR code.

[Click here](#)

https://www.jpmac.or.jp/en/seminar_form/



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October 16, 2023

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Biography *Order of appearance

Masafumi Shukuri, Chairman, Japan Maritime Center (JMC)

Masafumi Shukuri was appointed in June 2021 as the Chairman of the Japan Maritime Center. His experience in the field of transportation is over 40 years and, prior to taking this appointment, he held the position of the Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) of Japan from 2008 to 2012.

Mr. Shukuri entered the service of the Ministry of Transport (presently MLIT) in 1974 and has held many important positions since then. Before his appointment as Vice Minister, he worked as the Private Secretary to the Minister of Transport, Senior Deputy Director-General of the Civil Aviation Bureau, Director-General of the Road Transport Bureau, Director General of the Policy Bureau, and as Deputy Vice-Minister of the Minister's Secretariat of MLIT. Mr. Shukuri's career also includes a diplomatic posting as First Secretary at the Embassy of Japan in Indonesia from 1984 to 1987.

Furthermore he has also served as the Chairman of the Japan Transport and Tourism Research Institute since 2018, and the Chairman of the International High-speed Rail Association (IHRA) since April 2014. In addition to his other duties, he is presently the Visiting Professor of the Graduate School of Public Policy at the University of Tokyo.

He earned a Bachelor's degree in Law from the University of Tokyo in 1974.

Mr Gaute Sivertsen, Director, IOPC Funds

Mr Sivertsen joined the IOPC Funds as Director on 1 January 2022, having been elected by the 1992 Fund Assembly for a term of five years.

In his previous role as Director in the Maritime Department of the Norwegian Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries, Mr Sivertsen was responsible for maritime law, rules and regulations relating to maritime safety, security and seafarer issues. He was also responsible for the governance of the Norwegian Maritime Authority.

He followed IOPC Funds' matters and represented Norway at meetings of the Funds' governing bodies for almost 30 years. He gained experience in a leading role at the organisation in his capacity as the 1992 Fund Assembly Chair, a position he held for over 10 years, from 2011 to 2021. He was also responsible for coordination of all matters relating to the

International Maritime Organisation (IMO) for almost 22 years. Mr Sivertsen holds a law degree from the University of Oslo.

Dr. Shinichiro Otsubo, Distinguished Project Research Fellow of JTTRI and Specially Appointed Professor of Tokai University (former Director-General of Maritime Bureau, MLIT)

Dr. Shinichiro Otsubo is a Distinguished Project Research Fellow of JTTRI (Japan Transport and Tourism Research Institute) since 2021, and Specially Appointed Professor of the Institute of Ocean Research and Development, Tokai University, since 2022, after he retired from being the Director-General of Maritime Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), Japan. During his tenure as DG and Deputy DG of Maritime Bureau, he was responsible for the maritime industry development, safety, and environment protection.

He holds Ph.D. in Environmental Studies from University of Tokyo, Master's Degree in Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering from University of Tokyo and Master's Degree in Public Policy from Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

He worked for the OECD as the secretariat to Council Working Party on Shipbuilding (WP6), conducted analytical work on supply and demand of global shipbuilding market from 1994 to 1998. He acted as the vice-chairman of WP6 for several years. He also participated in MEPC (Marine Environment Protection Committee) of the IMO (International Maritime Organization) for many years; in particular, as the Head of Japanese delegation to the MEPC from 2008 to 2011, he led the discussion on a variety of MEPC issues including ship recycling, Green House Gases, air pollution and ballast water management.

Capt. Aaron Cooper, Programmes Director, OCIMF

Aaron is a Master Mariner who has worked within the oil and gas industry for 30 years including 16 years at sea onboard a variety of tankers, the last three years of which were as Master onboard vessels operated by Chevron Shipping Company.

Aaron made the transition ashore in 2009 into a secondment role with EUNAVFOR as Merchant Navy Liaison Officer supporting Operation Atalanta. In 2010 he joined Chevron's London Marine Assurance team as a Marine Superintendent focused on marine risk management primarily centred on third party tanker operations. Since then, he has held the position of

Marine Superintendent for Chevron's operated fleet based in San Ramon, California as well as Global Offshore Marine Assurance Manager and Organizational Capability Project Manager based in Houston, Texas. Aaron's most recent role, prior to joining OCIMF was Marine Assurance Manager (Americas) also based in Houston, Texas.

Over the past 10 years Aaron has represented Chevron in several OCIMF initiatives and working groups including Chair of the OVID Focus Group (OFG), member of the Offshore Marine Operations Group (OMOG), SIRE Focus Group, SIRE 2.0 Governance Working Group and OCIMF Covid-19 Task Force Working Group. Aaron also led the Programs Governance Expert Group.

Ms Ayumi Therrien, Technical Adviser, ITOPF

Ayumi has a BSc in physical geography and an MSc in environmental sciences and management. Ayumi joined ITOPF as a Technical Adviser in October 2022. Prior to joining ITOPF, Ayumi worked as a spill preparedness and response specialist for marine, freshwater, and land-based incidents in Canada and the US. Ayumi has several years of experience working in the field of environmental emergencies, first as a senior officer for the government of Canada, and then as a consultant. Her main areas of expertise are risk analysis, shoreline science and assessment, including fate and behaviour of hydrocarbons on shorelines, NEBA/SIMA and shoreline response including SCAT, as well as contingency planning and project management. Her previous roles in emergency management and spill preparedness and response also bring significant experience in incident command, in the development and provision of exercises and training, and collaborating with various stakeholders such as industry, government, Indigenous Peoples and NGOs.

Capt. Haruhisa Fujino, Energy Co-ordination Group General Manager, NYK Line

Current Position

- General Manager, Energy Coordination Group, NYK Line
- General Manager, NYK-Global Tanker Quality
- Alternative Director, ITOPF

Brief Personal History

1990 Joined Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha (as 3rd Officer)
2005 NYK Bulk Ship Europe (UK) Marine Manager
2006 Promotion to Master, NYK Line
2008 Manager, NYK Ship Management (Singapore)
2009 Manager, Tanker Quality Control Team, NYK Line
2016-present
Boarding history, VLCCs, Cape-Size-Bulkers and Handy-Max Bulkers as Master.

Mr Motonari Adachi, Deputy Director General, Guard and Rescue Department, JCG

Education

Graduated from the University of Tokyo (Law), March 1994

Assignments

Jul 2023 Current assignment
Jul 2022 Director, Personnel Div. Minister's Secretariat, MLIT
Jul 2021 Counsellor, Minister's Secretariat (Personnel), MLIT
Jul 2019 Director, Trunk Railway Div., Railway Bureau, MLIT
Jul 2017 Counsellor, Cabinet Secretariat (The Prime Minister's Official Residence)
Jul 2015 Director, International Affairs and Crisis Management Division, JCG
Aug 2013 Director for Personnel Affairs, Personnel Div., Minister's Secretariat, MLIT
Apr 1994 Joined Ministry of Transport

Prof. Tomotaka Fujita, Professor of Law, Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, The University of Tokyo

Professor of Law at Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, University of Tokyo (2004-); Associate Professor of Law at Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, University of Tokyo (1998-2004); Associate Professor of Law and Professor of Law at Seikei University (1993-1998); Lecturer at Seikei University (1991-1993); Research Assistant at University of Tokyo (1988-1991); LLB, University of Tokyo (1988).

Professor Fujita has been the Vice Chairman of the 1992 IOPC Fund Assembly since 2009.

Dr. Hideo Osuga, Member of the Joint Audit Body of the IOPC Funds

Dr. Hideo Osuga is Counselor of the Japan Maritime Center since July 2023. He has been a member of the Audit Body of the IOPC Funds since 2020. After graduating from the University of Tokyo, he joined the Ministry of Transport (MOT) in 1978. He worked for the MOT and then MLIT for 35 years and retired from being the Deputy-Vice Minister for Security and Transport Safety policy in 2013. His career includes Japan Transport Safety Board, Japan Coast Guard, Cabinet Secretariat, Railways Bureau, Seafarer's Department, etc.

He also worked for the IOPC Funds as the legal officer from 1993 to 1997. He was awarded with Master of Science from the University of London in 1983, and Doctor of Philosophy from Kansai University in 2020. After retiring from the MLIT, he also worked for the Japan Maritime Center, Tokyo Metro Company Limited and the Air Safety Foundation as executive officers.



JMC-WMU Joint Symposium “New Technology FOR Seafarers’ Future”

Date: 8 November 2023, 1400-1600
Venue: WMU HQ building - Fiskehamnsgatan 1, 21119, Malmö / Recording will be made available

Agenda

- 1. Welcome Remarks** 5min. for each
Professor Maximo Q. Mejia, Jr., President, WMU
Mr. Masafumi Shukuri, Chairperson, JMC
- 2. Congratulatory speech by guest of honor:** 5min (video)
Mr. Kitack Lim, Secretary-General, IMO (TBC)
- 3. Presentations:** 15 min. for each
Mr. Jeppe Skovbakke Juhl, Manager, Maritime Safety & Security, BIMCO: “Digitalization: Shipping companies’ experiences and prospects”
Professor Momoko Kitada, Head of Maritime Education and Training, WMU: “Future skills and competences of seafarers”
Dr. Khanssa Lagdami, ITF Seafarers’ Trust Assistant Professor, WMU: “Impact of technology on occupational safety and health of seafarers”
- 4. Panel Discussion:** 40min
Moderator: Professor Momoko Kitada, Head of Maritime Education and Training, WMU
Panelists:
Mr. Jeppe Skovbakke Juhl, Manager, Maritime Safety & Security, BIMCO
Dr. Khanssa Lagdami, ITF Seafarers’ Trust Assistant Professor, WMU
Ms. Dashbalbar Oyungerel (Mongolia, Deck Officer): Mongolia Maritime Administration, WMU MSc student in the Maritime Safety and Environmental Administration (MSEA) specialization
Mr. Mao Tze Bayotas (Philippines, Engineer): The Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific (MAAP), WMU MSc student in the Maritime Energy Management (MEM) specialization
- 5. Concluding Remarks**
Professor Jens-Uwe Schröder-Hinrichs, Vice-President (Academic Affairs), WMU

Organizer biographies

Professor Maximo Q. Mejia, Jr., President, WMU

Professor Maximo Q. Mejia is an accomplished global leader and scholar in Maritime Governance, Policy, and Administration. With over three decades of professional and academic experience, Professor Mejia is a passionate international advocate for the promotion of safe, secure, sustainable, and efficient shipping on clean oceans.

Appointed by the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), Professor Mejia became the eighth President of the World Maritime University (WMU), a university established within the framework of the IMO and a global centre of excellence for maritime and ocean education, research, and capacity building. He is the first President from Asia and the first President who is a graduate of WMU. As the Chief Executive Officer, Professor Mejia oversees and directs the academic programmes, operations, and administration of the University.



Mr. Masafumi Shukuri, Chairperson, JMC

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Guest biography

Mr. Kitack Lim, Secretary-General, IMO

Mr. Kitack Lim is the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO). Born in Masan, Mr. Lim graduated from the Korea Maritime and Ocean University (KMOU), Busan, and worked on ships before joining the Korea Maritime and Port Administration in 1985. From 1986, Mr. Lim participated in the Republic of Korea delegation to IMO meetings. In 2006, he was appointed as Maritime Attaché, minister-counsellor at the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in London and served as Alternate Permanent Representative to IMO until August 2009. Mr. Lim was then appointed Director General for Maritime Safety Bureau at the Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs (MLTM). In 2011, Mr. Lim was appointed Commissioner of the Korean Maritime Safety Tribunal (KMST). In 2012, he became President of Busan Port Authority, until January 2016 when he took up his appointment as Secretary-General of IMO. Mr. Lim serves as the Chancellor of WMU and is also a graduate of the University.



Speaker biographies

Mr. Jeppe Skovbakke Juhl, Manager, Maritime Safety & Security, BIMCO

Jeppe Skovbakke Juhl is educated as a naval architect and has been manager in the BIMCO department for Maritime Safety & Security for nearly 12 years. He is responsible for coordinating BIMCO's initiative on a wide range of technical related matters. Currently his core competencies cover maritime digitalization and autonomous ships, port efficiency and ship-shore interface and data exchange. In previous positions, Mr. Juhl was deeply involved in technical knowledge regarding maritime air emissions and the IMO Green House Gas Strategy, underwater radiated noise and lost containers at sea, as well as core knowledge in ship stability (intact and damage). Having attended IMO meetings throughout his career, he has fundamental insight to issues related to maritime flag state administration (flag state implementation, goal- and functional-based regulation, Risk-based approval process, including Formal Safety Assessment methodology).



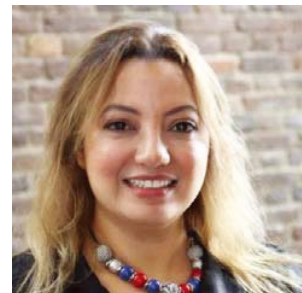
Prof. Momoko Kitada, Head of Maritime Education and Training, WMU

Dr. Momoko Kitada is a former seafarer and full Professor at the World Maritime University (WMU). Dr. Kitada serves as Head of the Maritime Education & Training specialization. She has 18 years of research experience in gender issues in the maritime and ocean sectors with a significant number of publications in this area. Dr. Kitada teaches subjects in Maritime Education and Training (MET) and Maritime Energy Management (MEM) and leads WMU's collaboration efforts with the IMO in terms of its Women in Maritime programme, including regional Women in Maritime Associations (WIMAs), as well as the joint evaluation and audit of IMO activities on gender equality. She has served as the Secretariat of the WMU Women's Association (WMUWA) since 2014. Dr. Kitada is leading several research projects, such as Empowering Women in the Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development; and Transport 2040 Future of Work among others. She is a certified ILO Participatory Gender Audit facilitator and a certified Monitoring and Evaluation expert.



Dr. Khanssa Lagdami, ITF Seafarers' Trust Assistant Professor, WMU

Dr. Khanssa Lagdami joined the World Maritime University (WMU) in 2015 and is currently the ITF Seafarers' Trust Assistant Professor in Maritime Labour Law and Policy. Dr Lagdami is also the academic coordinator of the Maritime Welfare ([Mari-Wel](#)) programme at WMU which is a professional development programme that delivers a comprehensive overview of topics and issues related to seafarers' welfare, bringing together world-leading experts on seafarers' rights, maritime regulations, and welfare issues. Dr. Lagdami is also a lead member of the [Future of Work](#) programme at WMU. Dr Lagdami's expertise lies in maritime labour law, human rights at sea, maritime security, and the future of work in the maritime sector.



Panelists

Left: Ms. Dashbalbar Oyungerel (Mongolia, Deck Officer): Mongolia Maritime Administration, WMU MSc student in the Maritime Safety and Environmental Administration (MSEA) specialization

Right: Mr. Mao Tze Bayotas (Philippines, Engineer): The Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific (MAAP), WMU MSc student in the Maritime Energy Management (MEM) specialization

