

An Indonesian Fellow visited Mr. Sasakawa



Mr. Sasakawa and Mr. Risuandi at the Head Office of The Nippon Foundation

Mr. Yan Risuandi (MSA 1990) paid a visit to Mr. Sasakawa at The Nippon Foundation in the afternoon on Apr. 24, 2003 and exchanged information.

Mr. Risuandi is an official of the Ministry of Communications and came to Japan in March of this year to undertake the responsibility of Transportation Attaché at the Indonesian Embassy in Tokyo.

Mr. Sasakawa said that Indonesia and The Nippon Foundation have been keeping close contact with each other for a long time. It has been about 30 years since the project for the elimination of leprosy started. He also said that with much of the Malacca and Singapore Straits in its territory, Indonesia has a very important role in marine safety. In order to support the elimination of marine casualties in this area, The Nippon Foundation has decided to donate a buoy tender to Indonesia, which is now under construction in Japan and expected to be delivered this coming autumn. A donation ceremony is scheduled to be held in Indonesia.

Mr. Yan Risuandi expressed his gratitude to The Nippon Foundation for its varied and gracious support given to Indonesia. He also commented that Indonesia is now improving maritime issues in both hard/software, especially in the training and education of sea personnel to comply with the high quality of international demand. He also said that WMU Sasakawa Fellows' Network will be quite useful to resolve international maritime problems.

Message from the Secretariat

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The Secretariat invites you to contribute either to the Newsletter or 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, the resolution must be at least 400 dpi.) Please note, however, that due to space limitations, some contributions might be reduced in volume, held over to the next issue, or be changed for inclusion in the website at the Secretariat's discretion.

The "Friends of WMU, Japan" Website improved

The renewal of the Website has been completed and a message board newly installed in "The Fellows' Page" for

free use by members. In order to use the message board, open the "Fellows' Page" then double click "4) Free Discussion and Free Exchange for the Fellows". After the message board appears on the screen, please input according to the explanation.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt of the Newsletter

The Secretariat would like to ask you to let us know about your receipt of the Newsletter by sending the enclosed personal information form back to this office. This is very essential to both check that the Newsletter was correctly delivered and to update the alumni list. So far barely 10% of the receivers have responded.

Editors' Postscript

I thank the Fellows for their contributions, which have enabled us to issue the newsletters so smoothly, from the 1st issue in October 2002 to this 3rd edition.

It has already been one year since I left WMU, yet the memory is fresh, and working here, sharing with many WMU graduates, is quite enjoyable. I had the chance to meet five WMU graduates this year in addition to many Vietnamese Fellows whom I have just met and worked with this early May.

Although the world is currently filled with bleak prospects caused by economic depression, wars, SARS, etc., I believe the bonds of fellowship uniting students, graduates, The Nippon Foundation and SOF will continue to grow and encourage us.

In closing, I would like to join everybody in celebrating the WMU's 20th anniversary far from Japan.

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Myanmar Fellows welcomed Mr. Sasakawa

Taking the opportunity of Mr. Yohei Sasakawa's visit to Myanmar to attend the 3rd Meeting of the Global Alliance for the Elimination of Leprosy hosted by WHO, and the opening ceremony of a primary school in the eastern part of the country, the facilities of which The Nippon Foundation donated, the following eight WMU Sasakawa Fellows met Mr. Sasakawa on Feb. 9, 2003 at Sedona Hotel in Yangon. Although the time was quite limited, they exchanged meaningful conversation in a casual atmosphere.

From Dept. of Marine Administration, Ministry of Transportation, attended: **Capt. Kyaw Zeya** (MSA 1996), Dir., Nautical Div.; **Capt. Htay Win** (MSA 1998), Dep. Dir., Nautical Div.; **Capt. Myo Thant** (MSEP 1999), Dep. Dir., Nautical Div.; **Mr. Zaw Myint Thein** (MSEP 2001), Dep. Dir., Engineering Div.; **Mr. Htay Aung** (MET 1990), Dep. Dir., Engineering Div. From Institute of Marine Technology attended: **Capt. Zin Maung Tun** (MET 1996), Head, Nautical Studies; **Mr. Myat Moe** (MET 1997), Lecturer. From East Wind Shipmanagement Co., Ltd. attended **Mr. Nann Wynn** (MSA 1991), Chief Engineer.



A man for Myanmar

Capt. Kyaw Zeya To the staff members at the Department of Marine Administration (DMA), his name and his foundation are synonymous with post-graduate and higher education training programmes which have led to the development of the small group of marine specialists of that organisation.

Myanmar still needs more know-how and expertise to harness and exploit its own diverse inland and marine resources, so that the generations to come will benefit from its present endeavors. One obvious strategy is higher education and more training to maintain the momentum of the acquisition of know-how.

Being aware of the obvious is one thing; to have acted instinctively and pre-emptively towards fledgling and developing nations coming abreast of the modern world through unfaltering support and guidance for their higher education and training has been simply the single-minded ambition of Mr. Sasakawa.

And the officers of the DMA, each armed with a Master's degree to specialise in various fields of the maritime industry, readily pay tribute to the vision and the magnanimity and success of their sponsor and patron.

Today, although small in their number of maritime specialists, the DMA has not only stood its ground and kept abreast of the rapid advancements of marine technology; it has been the moving force behind the development of a 55,000 strong seafaring workforce that is rightly known as the best in the region, in terms of quality, work ethic and know-how.

The trainee has become the trainer and the unspoken sentiments of those rare individuals such as Mr. Sasakawa have slowly attained reality - manpower armed with know-how and expertise.

We in Myanmar salute benefactors such as he; for his generosity has had direction, insight and the vision we all of us share - a better world through education.



A memorial plate was presented to Mr. Sasakawa