

3) Site Visit in Western Japan (Sept. 18-19)

On Sept. 18, the students moved to the Inland Sea area in Hiroshima Pref. to visit the Koyo Dockyard and Japan Coast Guard Academy. At the dockyard, they saw ships under construction and exchanged opinions with the staff about relationships between IMO rules and ship design. At the Academy, they were shown around the Training Ship “Kojima” after watching dive training. In the evening, they got together with students and staff of the Academy, which Mr. Ryoji

Hayashi, one of the Sasakawa Fellows, Class of 2002, hosted.

On Sept. 19, in unexpected summer heat, the students were offered a comfortably air-conditioned passenger launch of the Osaka Port Authority arranged by the Kinki Maritime Bureau to see the structure of the port, which consists of many artificial islands. Then they moved to the Kobe area and visited Marine Technical College and Kobe University of Mercantile Marine. In the evening, a reception was held at the University, gathering many companies from Asian countries being trained at

both the University and College, staff of both schools, and people working in the maritime field in the Osaka/Kobe area.

Sept. 20, the last day in Japan, was set aside to visit Kyoto, where they learned old Japanese culture at Kinkaku-Ji (Golden Pavilion), Nijo Castle and Kiyomizu Temple. In the evening, all participants ended the trip with a cheerful farewell party.

Owing to the generous cooperation of people concerned and the students' eagerness to study in Japan, the field study concluded successfully. Thanks to all who helped us.



Message from the Secretariat

Research Grant for Sasakawa Fellowship Recipients

SOF started financial support for Sasakawa Fellowship recipients of the second year class who are going to prepare their dissertations for degrees. The amount of grant per student is 50,000 yen (about 3,500 Swedish Kroner). The recipient can use the money to buy books and materials which are useful to complete his or her dissertation. To receive the grant, the candidates must have good academic standing in their first year along with a recommendation from WMU. In 2003, two deserving students received the grant as the first recipients. Application details for the 2004 grant are to be announced next spring.

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Editor's Postscript

The year 2003 is now about to close. Time passes so fast.

In recent years, the world has been filled with so much bad news of wars, terrorism, hunger, disease, etc., etc. In such circumstances, working with the Secretariat of the Newsletter, sorting out information on maritime matters and news from Fellows active everywhere in the world has more than sentimental value for me. It fills me with relief.

Hoping for a peaceful world to come, I renew my desire to improve the Newsletter, which now has seen its fifth edition.

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2003 Japan Field Study

Under the WMU Sasakawa Fellowship Program, 2003 Japan Field Study took place from Sept. 14 to 21. Twenty-nine students were invited. This program intends to give the first-year students opportunities to meet people in Japanese maritime fields and to exchange information and opinions with them as well as to enhance their knowledge about Japan.

1) Courtesy Call to The Nippon Foundation (Sept. 16):

At The Nippon Foundation, students had a friendly meeting with Ms. Ayako Sono, Chairperson of The Nippon Foundation, and other executives and staff. Ms. Sono said that after the students' graduation, they will have a great advantage in forming the best policies for the sea, because they will have cultivated a common purpose with each other during their stay in Malmö. She also suggested that, through this trip, that they always try to see not only the good points, but also the bad points in order to understand Japan thoroughly.



Sasakawa Fellows and Taisei Maru, a training ship of National Institute of Sea Training at Port of Tokyo

Before this courtesy call, the students visited the Museum of Maritime Science to see a spy ship from North Korea.

2) Site Visit in Tokyo Area (Sept. 16-17):

On Sept. 16, the students visited the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MLIT), and met Mr. Makoto Washizu, Director-General of Maritime Bureau, then they received a general explanation of Japan's maritime administration from the Safety Standards Division. Afterwards the students were divided into the following 5 groups for lectures from the Maritime Bureau, Policy Bureau, Ports and Harbors Bureau Japan Coast Guard:

Group A: Marine Safety, Marine Environment Protection and Maritime Administration
Group B: Maritime Education/Training

Group C: Shipping Management
Group D: Port Management
Group E: Maritime Security

At the evening reception, they were welcomed by about 200 people in the Japanese maritime field including members of “Friends of WMU, Japan”.

On Sept. 17, the students visited the Port of Tokyo to see the Training Ship “Taisei Maru” of the National Institute of Sea Training, where they were guided by Mr. Tomonori Okamura, Lecturer/Navigation Officer of the Institute, who is a Sasakawa Fellow, Class of 2002. Then they went to the mouth of Tokyo Bay by an Institute launch and visited Tokyo Bay Traffic Advisory Service Center of the Japan Coast Guard, which controls the sea traffic of Tokyo Bay.



Reception at Hotel Kaiyo, Tokyo

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