

## Sasakawa Fellow again wins a graduation award Class 2003 Sasakawa Fellows established SAF 2003



Sasakawa Fellow Graduation Party

Graduation Ceremony

### 1. Graduation Ceremony

WMU Graduation Ceremony of the Class of 2003 was held at Malmö Concert Hall on October 12, with 102 graduates being awarded postgraduate degrees. Much to our delight and gratitude, one of the Sasakawa Fellows once again won the C.P. Srivastava Award for International Fellowship this year.

Soon after the graduation ceremony, the winner, Mr. Taufik Fajar Nugroho from Indonesia expressed his gratitude at the reception, "It is very surprising that I got the CP Srivastava Award for International Fellowship. I cannot accept this award alone since I've been working in a computer group in which almost all the members are Sasakawa Fellows. Mr. Kentaro Furuya, Mr. Xue Conghua, and Mr. Narinsak Sattaprasit."



Mr. Nagamitsu(left) and Mr. Nugroho (right)



### 2. Sasakawa Fellow Graduation Party

Mr. Nugroho also acts as the first Secretary-General of Sasakawa Fellow Alumni 2003 (SAF 2003), established at the Sasakawa Fellow Graduation Party held on October 11, 2003 at the Savoy Hotel, Malmö. At the Party hosted by Ship & Ocean Foundation (SOF) more than 100 students and others involved celebrated the graduation of 25 Sasakawa Fellows. Mr. Masazumi Nagamitsu, Executive Director of The Nippon Foundation presented each of them with the membership certificate of the Friends of WMU, Japan.

### 3. Sasakawa Fellow Alumni 2003 (SAF 2003)

Class of 2003 Sasakawa Fellow Students established SAF because of their growing concerns for the necessity of building and maintaining the friendship and maritime networks among them worldwide after their graduation. Through SAF 2003, they will exchange information, promote international understanding for maritime matters and maintain friendly cooperation for the development of maritime industry. SAF 2003 is the first official international alumni association among the Sasakawa

Fellows. As a secretariat of Friends of WMU, Japan, SOF will continue to implement cooperation and support activities for this welcome development.

### 4. Graduation Thesis

This year, five of the Class of 2003 Sasakawa Fellow Students wrote graduation theses. The names of the students and themes of his/her theses are as follows.

- Mohab Mahmoud Abou-el Kawam (Egypt), The Validity of Oil Spill Combatting Methods: The Decision-Making Process - A Critical Study
- Jabeth Sena Japath A. Dacanay (Philippines), The Shift of Seafaring from Traditional to Emerging Maritime States: An Analysis of the Trends
- Rahman Fajriyansa (Indonesia), A Study of the Application of Utmost Good Faith Principle under the English Maritime Insurance Law: Legal Review and Practical Solutions
- Jean Ver Pugal Pia (Philippines), Conflicting Territorial Claims in the South China Sea
- Conghua Xue (China), Recognizing and Implementing Training Onboard: Implications for Promoting a Safety Culture at Sea



## Welcoming Visitors

### President of Shanghai Maritime University visited The Nippon Foundation



Mr. Sasakawa (left) greeting Prof. Yu, President of Shanghai Maritime University (right)

President of the University. He expressed his gratitude for the support and contribution of The Nippon Foundation for maritime education in China as well as for International Association of Maritime Universities (IAMU) activities. He proposed to hold a forum gathering all the Chinese Sasakawa Fellows, totaling 45 all over the country, working in various fields including government, schools and private companies. He suggested that he will invite Mr. Sasakawa to the Forum when this plan is materialized.

Mr. Sasakawa thanked the President for China's cooperation in various projects of The Nippon Foundation such as WMU Fellowship program and IAMU. He said that the Foundation has been paying full attention to the academic quality of WMU; in this context, three new WMU chairs were established last year with funding provided by the Foundation.

Recognizing the recent rapid increase of China's role in international society, he put a special emphasis on the necessity of development of the human network for solving international maritime issues. In closing, he expressed his desire to visit the University next time.

Prof. Yu Shicheng, President of Shanghai Maritime University and Associate Professor Mr. Xue Jing visited The Nippon Foundation on Sept. 11, 2003 to pay a courtesy call to Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, President of The Nippon Foundation.

Prof. Yu said that now 8 Sasakawa Fellows are actively working with the University, responsible for areas of IMO matters, ocean environment, etc. Among them, Mr. Gao Deyi, Class of 1995, is Vice

### The President of WMU visited Director-General of Maritime Bureau

On the way back from China where he attended an International Maritime University Presidents Forum at Dalian Maritime University, Dr. Karl Laubstein, President of WMU dropped by Japan and visited MLIT on Aug. 29 to see Mr. Makoto Washizu, Director-General of Maritime Bureau.

Dr. Laubstein talked of recent WMU's activities and expressed his gratitude to the Japanese Government and The Nippon Foundation for their generous support given to the University for many years. Dr. Laubstein said that future development of WMU will depend on various support abroad and requested continuous support from Japan. Mr. Washizu concurred with the president in making every effort for WMU.



Dr. Laubstein (right) visited Mr. Washizu, Director-General of Maritime Bureau (left)