

News from Alumni

An Indonesian Fellow Met Ms. Ayako Sono at Handing Over Ceremony of a Buoy Tender



Ms. Sono (2nd from the left), Ms. Windari (2nd from the right)

Ms. Rento Windari, Class of 2001, met Ms. Ayako Sono, Chairperson of The Nippon Foundation, at a handing-over ceremony of a buoy tender held in Indonesia on Oct. 10, 2003 at Batam Island. Though the time was quite limited, they exchanged conversation for a while and Ms. Sono encouraged Ms. Windari and Indonesian Sasakawa Fellows to make greater efforts for cooperation in the maritime field in the world.

This new buoy tender was donated by Japan-based Malacca Strait Council (MSC) under the full sponsorship of The Nippon Foundation. Ms. Sono, Mr. Agum Gumelar,

Communications Minister, and some 150 people attended the ceremony. Ms. Windari worked for the ceremony as a staff member of the secretariat on the Indonesian side.

Under the administration of Directorate of Navigation, Directorate General of Sea Communication of Communications Ministry, the 13.2m buoy tender, "Jadayat" (meaning Tropic of Capricorn), will be based at Kijang Port on Bintan Island to undertake maintenance and repair of navigation aids attached to waters of the Straits of Malacca and Singapore. Together with a similar ship which MSC donated to Malaysia last year, it is highly expected that the deployment of "Jadayat" will remarkably increase the maintenance capacity of navigation aids in the world's busiest and narrowest waters.



"Jadayat" during her sea trial

Meeting in Jakarta, Indonesia

Indonesian Chapter Meeting was held on July 23, 2003 at Jakarta. Twelve WMU graduates including 6 Fellows attended. At the meeting, matters concerning the establishment of an intra-network and the chapter's future activities were discussed. In order to maintain smooth communications, Mr. Subagio H. Moeljanto and Mr. Andi Isnovandiono were appointed new coordinators. The meeting was organized mainly by the secretariat of Arcturus Maritime Association (AMA), which is WMU/IMLI (International Maritime Law Institute) alumni's organization in Indonesia. We thank AMA for their cooperation. In attendance:

Mr. Danny Tarigan (GMA 1989), Mr. Yansen Sinaga (GMA 1988), Mr. Subagio H. Moeljanto (SM 1996), Mr. Andi Isnovandiono (PM 2000), Mr. Nahduddin (GMPE 1998), Mr.



Smiles of WMU graduates, Jakarta

Roy Kasiono (GMPE 1996), Mr. Indra Hidayat Sani (PM 2002), Mr. Alam Syah Mapparessa (MA 2002), Mr. Agus Sudarmaji (PM 1999), Ms. Melda Mardalina (MA 2002), Mr. Simson Sinaga (PM 1996), Ms. Nanik Salakiati.

On the Japanese Training Ship Hokuto Maru

Mr. Myat Moe (MET 1997, Myanmar)

The improvement of Maritime education and Training is an important matter for Myanmar's Maritime Industry. To achieve this objective, Myanmar's Ministry of Transport delegated me to attend the Maritime education and Training for Safety Management (Engineering) as a part of JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) activities.

About 2 months after the beginning of the training at Marine Technical College, onboard training on the Hokuto Maru (National Institute for Sea Training) from Otaru to Kobe was scheduled. On the gangway, at the very beginning of the embarkation, I saw the 2nd officer, Tomonori Okamura, Class of 2002, whom I had met before at the Sasakawa Forum in Tokyo, 2001. We greeted each other instantly and I felt at home.

The neatness of the 28-year-old Hokuto Maru, the smooth operations of all machinery and accessories show off the



Mr. Okamura (left) and Mr. Moe (right)

perfect maintenance. On the other hand, modern training equipment, systematic training schedules, enthusiastic training officers on board and eager and active cadets prove the excellent training.

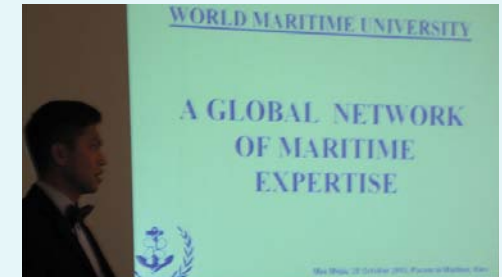
Being a teacher in a developing country, my duty includes taking the advanced technology and techniques I see and bringing them back to my country.

30th PIM Conference was successfully held in Kiev

Victoria Radochenko (GMA 2001, Ukraine)

30th PIM in Maribus was held in Kiev on 27-30 of October, 2003. It was organized by the International Ocean Institute (IOI), National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (NASU), National Commission of Ukraine for UNESCO, and sponsored by IOC, UNESCO-ROSTE, WMO, EC, Globallast programme (IMO), UNDP/GEF, BSERP, etc. 215 professionals from 34 countries participated in this forum.

It began with inaugural speeches by B.E. Paton, President of the NASU, Mrs. N.N. Zarudnaya, Deputy Director of Ukraine Commission for UNESCO, and Dr. Awni Behnam, President of the IOI.



Prof. Mejia giving presentation on WMU

Public lectures dedicated to Prof. Arvid Pardo and Prof. Elisabeth Mann Borgese, the founders of IOI, were delivered by Dr. I.M. Baysarovich and Prof. P. Bernal, UNESCO-IOC. Six working groups developed recommendations on:

1. Emerging environmental issues and human health. Safety and security of human activities at sea.
2. Ocean and coastal protection and integrated management.
3. Living and non-living resources.
4. Problems of semi-closed and closed seas.
5. Climate change. Disaster preparedness.
6. Education and training in Ocean related areas.

Among the key-note lecturers of working sessions were Prof. Aldo Chircop and Capt. Max Mejia from WMU. Capt. Mejia gave a presentation on WMU - its dedication to the global network of maritime expertise.



Dr. Radochenko (3rd from left), Prof. Chircop (2nd from right)