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3) Site Visit in Western Japan (Sept. Hayashi, one of the Sasakawa Fellows, both the University and College, staff of 18-19)

Class of 2002, hosted.

On Sept. 18, the students moved to On Sept. 19, in unexpected summer maritime field in the Osaka/Kobe area. the Inland Sea area in Hiroshima Pref. heat, the students were offered a Sept. 20, the last day in Japan, was to visit the Koyo Dockyard and Japan comfortably air-conditioned passenger set aside to visit Kyoto, where they Coast Guard Academy. At the launch of the Osaka Port Authority learned old Japanese culture at dockyard, they saw ships under arranged by the Kinki Maritime Bureau Kinkaku-Ji (Golden Pavilion), Nijo construction and exchanged opinions to see the structure of the port, which Castle and Kiyomizu Temple. In the with the staff about relationships consists of many artificial islands. Then evening, all participants ended the between IMO rules and ship design. At they moved to the Kobe area and visited trip with a cheerful farewell party. the Academy, they were shown around Marine Technical College and Kobe Owing to the generous cooperation the Training Ship "Kojima" after University of Mercantile Marine. In the of people concerned and the students' watching dive training. In the evening, evening, a reception was held at the eagerness to study in Japan, the field they got together with students and University, gathering many companies study concluded successfully. Thanks staff of the Academy, which Mr. Ryoji from Asian countries being trained at to all who helped us.

both schools, and people working in the



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 ven (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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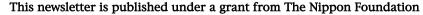
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Editor's Postscript

The year 2003 is now about to close. Time passes so fast. 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 In recent years, the world has been filled with so desire to improve the Newsletter, which now has seen its fifth edition.

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2003 Japan Field Study

nder 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.



Reception at Hotel Kaiyo, Tokyo



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

Before this courtesy call, the Group C: Shipping Management students visited the Museum of Group D: Port Management Maritime Science to see a spy ship Group E: Maritime Security from North Korea.

the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure including members of "Friends of and Transport (MLIT), and met Mr. WMU, Japan". Makoto Washizu, Director-General of Maritime Bureau, then they received a the Port of Tokyo to see the Training general explanation of Japan's Ship "Taisei Maru" of the National maritime administration from the Institute for Sea Training, where they Safety Standards Division. Afterwards were guided by Mr. Tomonori the students were divided into the Okamura, Lecturer/Navigation Officer following 5 groups for lectures from of the Institute, who is a Sasakawa the Maritime Bureau, Policy Bureau, Fellow, Class of 2002. Then they went Ports and Harbors Bureau Japan Coast to the mouth of Tokyo Bay by an

Group A: Marine Safety, Marine Bay Traffic Advisory Service Center of Environment Protection and Maritime the Japan Coast Guard, which controls Administration

Guard:

Group B: Maritime Education/Training

At the evening reception, they 2) Site Visit in Tokyo Area (Sept. 16-17): were welcomed by about 200 people On Sept. 16, the students visited in the Japanese maritime field

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