

Joint Seminar by Japan Maritime Center and the IOPC Funds

“The role of the IOPC Funds in the protection of the marine environment —Now and in the future—”

Objectives:

- 1) Renew awareness of the activities of the IOPC Funds by inviting the Director of the Funds as a key note speaker at the time of his visit to Japan. The topic will cover the recent developments, challenges, and future prospects of the Funds. The focus will be on the roles that the Funds have played for the marine environment protection and oil pollution prevention, and the contributions made by the Funds so far by providing the victims of the oil pollution damage caused by carriage of oil by tankers, with the rapid and sufficient compensation in the international context.
- 2) Provide opportunities to learn recent developments, challenges and future prospects on (i) marine environment protection, preparation for oil pollution prevention and experience of response to oil pollution, such as various efforts made under OPRC and MARPOL Conventions, (ii) SIRE programme of oil industry provided by OCIMF and technical services provided by ITOPF to shipowners and authorities at the time of marine pollution incidents.



Date: **October 18, 2023**

Venue: **Iino Conference Center, Room A (Hybrid Format)**

Language: **Japanese/English (with Simultaneous Interpretation)**

Suggested Programme

13:30 Opening Remarks, Mr Masafumi Shukuri
(Chairman of Japan Maritime Center)



13:35 **Presentation 1 (Keynote),**
Mr Gaute Sivertsen, Director, IOPC
Funds, 35 mins
“The role of the IOPC Funds in the
protection of the marine environment
now and in the future”



14:10 **Presentation 2,**
Dr. Shinichiro Otsubo, Distinguished
Project Research Fellow of JTTRI and
Specially Appointed Professor of Tokai
University (former Director-General of
Maritime Bureau, MLIT), 25 mins
“Policy instruments to enhance the maritime
safety and environment protection”



14:35 Coffee Break

14:50 **Presentation 3,**
Capt. Aaron Cooper, Programmes
Director, OCIMF, 25 mins
“SIRE 2.0; A step change in tanker
inspections, vetting and assurance”



15:15 **Presentation 4,**
Ms Ayumi Therrien, Technical Adviser,
ITOPF, 25 mins
“The Role of ITOPF during Marine
Pollution Incidents”



15:40 **Presentation 5,**
Capt. Haruhisa Fujino, Energy
Co-ordination Group General Manager,
NYK Line, 25 mins
“Safety of NYK Energy Transportation”



16:05 **Presentation 6,**
Mr Motonari Adachi, Deputy Director
General, Guard and Rescue Department,
JGC, 25 mins
“Action of the Japan Coast Guard for the
marine environment protection including
the oil spill response”



16:30 Coffee Break

16:45 **Panel Discussion, 70 mins**
Coordinator: Prof. Tomotaka Fujita,
Professor of Law, Graduate Schools for
Law and Politics, The University of Tokyo
Panelist: Mr Sivertsen, Dr. Otsubo,
Capt. Cooper, Ms Therrien, Capt.
Fujino, Mr Adachi



17:55 Closing Remarks, Dr. Hideo Osuga
(Member of the Joint Audit Body of the
IOPC Funds)



Reception after the Seminar

* The program, speakers and time of this seminar are subject to change without notice.

Registration

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Biography *Order of appearance

Masafumi Shukuri, Chairman, Japan Maritime Center (JMC)

Masafumi Shukuri was appointed in June 2021 as the Chairman of the Japan Maritime Center. His experience in the field of transportation is over 40 years and, prior to taking this appointment, he held the position of the Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) of Japan from 2008 to 2012.

Mr. Shukuri entered the service of the Ministry of Transport (presently MLIT) in 1974 and has held many important positions since then. Before his appointment as Vice Minister, he worked as the Private Secretary to the Minister of Transport, Senior Deputy Director-General of the Civil Aviation Bureau, Director-General of the Road Transport Bureau, Director General of the Policy Bureau, and as Deputy Vice-Minister of the Minister's Secretariat of MLIT. Mr. Shukuri's career also includes a diplomatic posting as First Secretary at the Embassy of Japan in Indonesia from 1984 to 1987.

Furthermore he has also served as the Chairman of the Japan Transport and Tourism Research Institute since 2018, and the Chairman of the International High-speed Rail Association (IHRA) since April 2014. In addition to his other duties, he is presently the Visiting Professor of the Graduate School of Public Policy at the University of Tokyo.

He earned a Bachelor's degree in Law from the University of Tokyo in 1974.

Mr Gaute Sivertsen, Director, IOPC Funds

Mr Sivertsen joined the IOPC Funds as Director on 1 January 2022, having been elected by the 1992 Fund Assembly for a term of five years.

In his previous role as Director in the Maritime Department of the Norwegian Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries, Mr Sivertsen was responsible for maritime law, rules and regulations relating to maritime safety, security and seafarer issues. He was also responsible for the governance of the Norwegian Maritime Authority.

He followed IOPC Funds' matters and represented Norway at meetings of the Funds' governing bodies for almost 30 years. He gained experience in a leading role at the organisation in his capacity as the 1992 Fund Assembly Chair, a position he held for over 10 years, from 2011 to 2021. He was also responsible for coordination of all matters relating to the

International Maritime Organisation (IMO) for almost 22 years. Mr Sivertsen holds a law degree from the University of Oslo.

Dr. Shinichiro Otsubo, Distinguished Project Research Fellow of JTTRI and Specially Appointed Professor of Tokai University (former Director-General of Maritime Bureau, MLIT)

Dr. Shinichiro Otsubo is a Distinguished Project Research Fellow of JTTRI (Japan Transport and Tourism Research Institute) since 2021, and Specially Appointed Professor of the Institute of Ocean Research and Development, Tokai University, since 2022, after he retired from being the Director-General of Maritime Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), Japan. During his tenure as DG and Deputy DG of Maritime Bureau, he was responsible for the maritime industry development, safety, and environment protection.

He holds Ph.D. in Environmental Studies from University of Tokyo, Master's Degree in Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering from University of Tokyo and Master's Degree in Public Policy from Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

He worked for the OECD as the secretariat to Council Working Party on Shipbuilding (WP6), conducted analytical work on supply and demand of global shipbuilding market from 1994 to 1998. He acted as the vice-chairman of WP6 for several years. He also participated in MEPC (Marine Environment Protection Committee) of the IMO (International Maritime Organization) for many years; in particular, as the Head of Japanese delegation to the MEPC from 2008 to 2011, he led the discussion on a variety of MEPC issues including ship recycling, Green House Gases, air pollution and ballast water management.

Capt. Aaron Cooper, Programmes Director, OCIMF

Aaron is a Master Mariner who has worked within the oil and gas industry for 30 years including 16 years at sea onboard a variety of tankers, the last three years of which were as Master onboard vessels operated by Chevron Shipping Company.

Aaron made the transition ashore in 2009 into a secondment role with EUNAVFOR as Merchant Navy Liaison Officer supporting Operation Atalanta. In 2010 he joined Chevron's London Marine Assurance team as a Marine Superintendent focused on marine risk management primarily centred on third party tanker operations. Since then, he has held the position of

Marine Superintendent for Chevron's operated fleet based in San Ramon, California as well as Global Offshore Marine Assurance Manager and Organizational Capability Project Manager based in Houston, Texas. Aaron's most recent role, prior to joining OCIMF was Marine Assurance Manager (Americas) also based in Houston, Texas.

Over the past 10 years Aaron has represented Chevron in several OCIMF initiatives and working groups including Chair of the OVID Focus Group (OFG), member of the Offshore Marine Operations Group (OMOG), SIRE Focus Group, SIRE 2.0 Governance Working Group and OCIMF Covid-19 Task Force Working Group. Aaron also led the Programs Governance Expert Group.

Ms Ayumi Therrien, Technical Adviser, ITOPF

Ayumi has a BSc in physical geography and an MSc in environmental sciences and management. Ayumi joined ITOPF as a Technical Adviser in October 2022. Prior to joining ITOPF, Ayumi worked as a spill preparedness and response specialist for marine, freshwater, and land-based incidents in Canada and the US. Ayumi has several years of experience working in the field of environmental emergencies, first as a senior officer for the government of Canada, and then as a consultant. Her main areas of expertise are risk analysis, shoreline science and assessment, including fate and behaviour of hydrocarbons on shorelines, NEBA/SIMA and shoreline response including SCAT, as well as contingency planning and project management. Her previous roles in emergency management and spill preparedness and response also bring significant experience in incident command, in the development and provision of exercises and training, and collaborating with various stakeholders such as industry, government, Indigenous Peoples and NGOs.

Capt. Haruhisa Fujino, Energy Co-ordination Group General Manager, NYK Line

Current Position

- General Manager, Energy Coordination Group, NYK Line
- General Manager, NYK-Global Tanker Quality
- Alternative Director, ITOPF

Brief Personal History

1990 Joined Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha (as 3rd Officer)
2005 NYK Bulk Ship Europe (UK) Marine Manager
2006 Promotion to Master, NYK Line
2008 Manager, NYK Ship Management (Singapore)
2009 Manager, Tanker Quality Control Team, NYK Line
2016-present
Boarding history, VLCCs, Cape-Size-Bulkers and Handy-Max Bulkers as Master.

Mr Motonari Adachi, Deputy Director General, Guard and Rescue Department, JGC

Education

Graduated from the University of Tokyo (Law), March 1994

Assignments

Jul 2023 Current assignment
Jul 2022 Director, Personnel Div. Minister's Secretariat, MLIT
Jul 2021 Counsellor, Minister's Secretariat (Personnel), MLIT
Jul 2019 Director, Trunk Railway Div., Railway Bureau, MLIT
Jul 2017 Counsellor, Cabinet Secretariat (The Prime Minister's Official Residence)
Jul 2015 Director, International Affairs and Crisis Management Division, JCG
Aug 2013 Director for Personnel Affairs, Personnel Div., Minister's Secretariat, MLIT
Apr 1994 Joined Ministry of Transport

Prof. Tomotaka Fujita, Professor of Law, Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, The University of Tokyo

Professor of Law at Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, University of Tokyo (2004-); Associate Professor of Law at Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, University of Tokyo (1998-2004); Associate Professor of Law and Professor of Law at Seikei University (1993-1998); Lecturer at Seikei University (1991-1993); Research Assistant at University of Tokyo (1988-1991); LLB, University of Tokyo (1988).

Professor Fujita has been the Vice Chairman of the 1992 IOPC Fund Assembly since 2009.

Dr. Hideo Osuga, Member of the Joint Audit Body of the IOPC Funds

Dr. Hideo Osuga is Counselor of the Japan Maritime Center since July 2023. He has been a member of the Audit Body of the IOPC Funds since 2020. After graduating from the University of Tokyo, he joined the Ministry of Transport (MOT) in 1978. He worked for the MOT and then MLIT for 35 years and retired from being the Deputy-Vice Minister for Security and Transport Safety policy in 2013. His career includes Japan Transport Safety Board, Japan Coast Guard, Cabinet Secretariat, Railways Bureau, Seafarer's Department, etc.

He also worked for the IOPC Funds as the legal officer from 1993 to 1997. He was awarded with Master of Science from the University of London in 1983, and Doctor of Philosophy from Kansai University in 2020. After retiring from the MLIT, he also worked for the Japan Maritime Center, Tokyo Metro Company Limited and the Air Safety Foundation as executive officers.