

## The 2nd Joint Seminar of Japan Maritime Center & IOPC Funds

### Development of the International Regime of Liability and Compensation for Damages Caused by Maritime Transportation: Current Circumstances around the 2010 HNS Convention

Maritime transportation of liquified natural gas and zero-emission fuels is expected to grow, as more reduction of GHG emissions is required. At the same time, the negative impact on the marine environment needs to be minimised as much as possible, with the growing awareness of environmental issues.

In this context, the International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea, 2010 (2010 HNS Convention) is expected to enter into force in a few years. This Convention is an international agreement to ensure that adequate, prompt and effective compensation to people who suffer damages caused by incidents in connection with the carriage of such substances by sea should be made. The 2010 HNS Convention will establish the HNS Fund, which is assumed to share the same secretariat with the IOPC Funds.

In this joint seminar, the Director and the HNS Project Manager of the IOPC Funds will make presentations on the current circumstances and the IOPC Funds' activities involving the 2010 HNS Convention. In addition, the chair of the Assembly of 1992 Fund, the most important governing bodies of the IOPC Funds, will speak on the need for the 2010 HNS Convention and his experience in Canada. Furthermore, a technical account on the development of the maritime transportation of HNS and the way of response to incidents of ships transporting HNS will be provided. A panel discussion session will follow those presentations for a better understanding of this issue.

#### — Date & Venue

Date: 13h30 - , **8 October 2025**

Venue: **Hall and Conference of Marunouchi Building, Tokyo**

#### — Programme

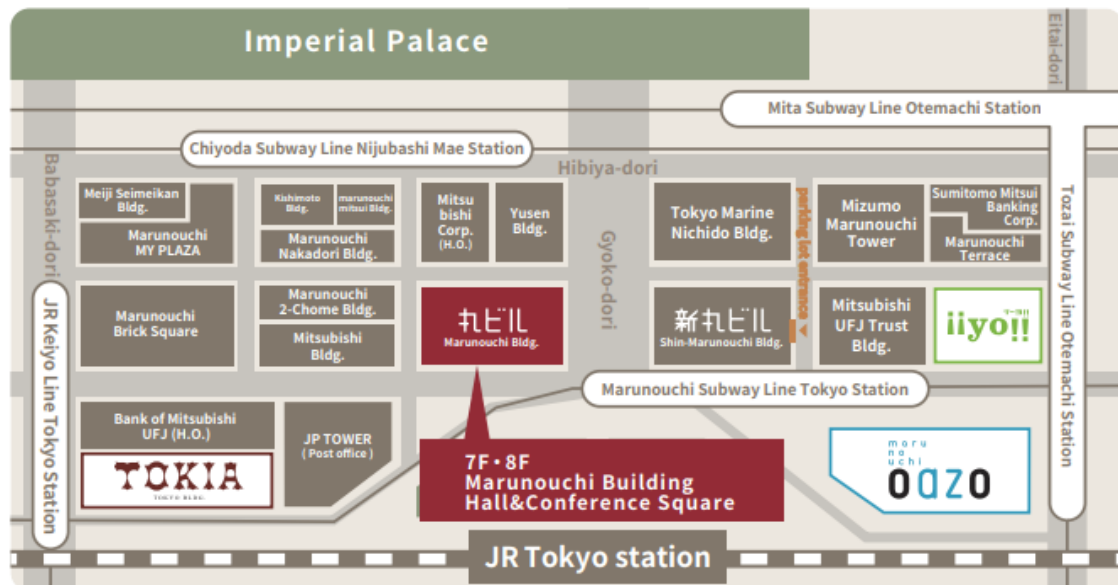
- 13h30- Opening Remarks by Mr. Masafumi SHUKURI, Chair of Japan Maritime Center**
- 13h35- Keynote speech: Significance and Overview of the 2010 HNS Convention (Tentative) by Mr. Gaute SIVERTSEN, Director, IOPC Funds**
- 14h00- Preparing for the 2010 HNS Convention and Its Implications for Stakeholders and the IOPC Funds (Tentative) by Ms. Gillian GRANT, HNS Project Manager, IOPC Funds**
- 14h25- Japan's contribution to the IOPC Funds' activities and consideration on the 2010 HNS Convention (Tentative) by Mr. Keita ARAKAKI, Director-General, Maritime Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism**
- <14h50-15h05: Coffee Break>**
- 15h05- The need for the 2010 HNS Convention and the Canadian Experience (Tentative) by Mr. François MARIER, Director, Marine Shipping Policy, Transport Canada (Chair of the 1992 Fund Assembly of IOPC Funds)**
- 15h30- The 2010 HNS Convention and Activities of ITOFF (Tentative) by Mr. Andrew Le Masurier, Senior Technical Adviser, ITOFF**
- 15h55- Response and Preparedness to HNS Incidents, including Implementation of the HNS-OPRC Protocol (Tentative) by Mr. Masami SHIRAISHI, President, Maritime Disaster Prevention Center (MDPC)**
- <16h20-16h35: Coffee Break>**
- 16h35- Panel Discussion Coordinator: Prof. Tomotaka FUJITA, Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, University of Tokyo / Panelists: Ms. Gillian GRANT, IOPC Funds / Mr. François MARIER, Transport Canada / Mr. Andrew Le Masurier, ITOFF / Mr. Masami SHIRAISHI, MDPC**
- 17h55- Closing Remarks by Mr. Hisataka HIRAGOCHI, President, Japan Maritime Center**
- 18h10- Networking Reception**

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## Transportation Access Guide

### Subway

Tokyo Metro Marunouchi Line, directly connected to Tokyo Station

Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line, directly connected to Nijubashi-mae Station

### JR

JR Tokyo Station, Marunouchi South Exit, Walk for 1 minute

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## **Mr. Masafumi SHUKURI, Chair of Japan Maritime Center**

Mr. 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 Organization (IMO) for almost 22 years.

Mr. Sivertsen holds a law degree from the University of Oslo.



## **Ms. Gillian GRANT, HNS Project Manager, IOPC Funds**

Ms. Gillian Grant joined the IOPC Funds in December 2024 as the HNS Project Manager. In this capacity, she leads initiatives to facilitate the entry into force of the 2010 HNS Convention and the establishment of the HNS Fund.

A qualified barrister and solicitor with advanced degrees in History, Law, and Public Administration, Ms. Grant joined the Canadian Department of Justice in 2002 and held increasingly senior positions, latterly serving as General Counsel to Transport Canada and the Government of Canada's principal expert in maritime law.

From 2017 – 2024, Ms Grant acted as Canada's Alternate Representative to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and as Transportation Counsellor to Canada's Embassy in Washington, DC. During that period, she represented Canada at meetings of the IOPC Funds' governing bodies and was elected to serve as Chair of the 1992 Fund Executive Committee from 2019 –2021. She was also Vice Chair of the IMO Legal Committee from 2017-2021 and Chair of the IMO Legal Committee from 2022-2024.



## **Mr. Keita ARAKAKI, Director-General, Maritime Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism**

- 7.2025 Director-General, Maritime Bureau, MLIT (Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism)
- 6.2023 Executive Vice President, New Kansai International Airport Company, Ltd.
- 7.2022 Senior Deputy Director-General, Civil Aviation Bureau, MLIT
- 7.2020 Managing Executive Officer, Development Bank of Japan Inc.
- 7.2019 Director of Policy and Legal Affairs Division, Administration Department, Japan Coast Guard
- 4.2018 Director of Aviation Safety and Security Planning Division, Aviation Safety and Security Department, Civil Aviation Bureau, MLIT
- 6.2016 Director for Budget Division, Administration Department, Japan Coast Guard
- 7.2014 Director of Coastal Shipping Division, Maritime Bureau, MLIT
- 10.2011 Director of Tourism Resources Division, Regional Development Department, Japan Tourism Agency
- 4.2007 Director of Road Transport Department, Kinki District Transport Bureau, MLIT
- 4.1991 Joined MOT (Ministry of Transport)



## **Mr. François MARIER, Director, Marine Shipping Policy, Transport Canada**

Mr. François Marier is the Director of Marine Shipping Policy at Transport Canada, where he has served for 25 years.

In his current role, he is responsible for economic policy related to domestic and international shipping. This includes economic regulation of shipping; competition and trade related matters; liability, compensation and insurance, cabotage ; as well as binational marine shipping matters with the United States. His responsibilities include the negotiation, adoption and implementation of international conventions and the development domestic legislation and regulations. His division also represents Canada at various international fora and in bilateral relations with other countries.

Mr. Marier is the current Chair of the 1992 Fund Assembly of the International Oil Pollution Compensation (IOPC) Funds. He has attended meetings of the IOPC Funds since 2005 and served as Chair as the Supplementary Fund Assembly from 2022 to 2024.

Mr. Marier holds a Bachelor's degree in Geography from Laurentian University and a Master's degree in Geography from the University of Ottawa.



## **Mr. Andrew Le Masurier, Senior Technical Adviser, ITOPF**

Mr. Andrew Le Masurier is a Senior Technical Adviser and is the alternative fuels lead at ITOPF. Since joining ITOPF in 2019, Andrew has attended numerous oil spills in South America, Europe, Asia and in the Caribbean and has provided training workshops on oil spill and HNS preparedness worldwide. In the past, he has presented papers on the implications of alternative fuel spills at Interspill, Spillcon and IOSC and is an active member in several working groups on the topic, including the IG's Alternative Fuel Working Group.



## **Mr. Masami SHIRAISHI, President, Maritime Disaster Prevention Center (MDPC)**

- 10.2023 President, Maritime Disaster Prevention Center
- 7.2023 JCG retirement
- 6.2022 Vice Commandant for Operations, JCG
- 10.2021 Director, General Guard and Rescue Department, JCG
- 10.2020 Director General, 9th Regional Coast Guard HQs
- 3.2020 Deputy Director General, 10th Regional Coast Guard HQs
- 4.2018 Director, Administration Division, Guard and Rescue Department, JCG
- 4.2017 Head, Policy Evaluation and Public Relations Office, JCG
- 4.2015 Director General, Guard and Rescue Department, 11th Regional Coast Guard HQs
- 4.2014 Director for General Affairs, Maritime Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism
- 4.2013 Director, Nemuro Coast Guard Office, JCG
- 3.1987 Japan Coast Guard (JCG) Academy



## **Prof. Tomotaka FUJITA, Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, 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.



## **Mr. Hisataka HIRAGOCHI, President, Japan Maritime Center**

Mr. Hisataka Hiragochi has been Director General of the Japan Maritime Center (JMC) since October 2021. Before joining JMC, he served as Director-General, National Ocean Policy Secretariat, Cabinet Office, and Deputy Vice-Minister for Security and Transport Safety Policy Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT). He also worked as Director General for Planning and Promotion, Secretariat of the Headquarters for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games, Cabinet Secretariat.

In 1985, he started his career at the Ministry of Transport of Japan. In his career, he held lots of senior positions, including Director-General, Police Administration Department of Kagoshima Prefectural Police, President of Americas (NY Office), Japan National Tourism Organization, Director, Budget and Accounts Division of Minister's Secretariat, Director-General, Aviation Network Department, Civil Aviation Bureau, Assistant Vice-Minister for International Aviation, Minister's Secretariat.

