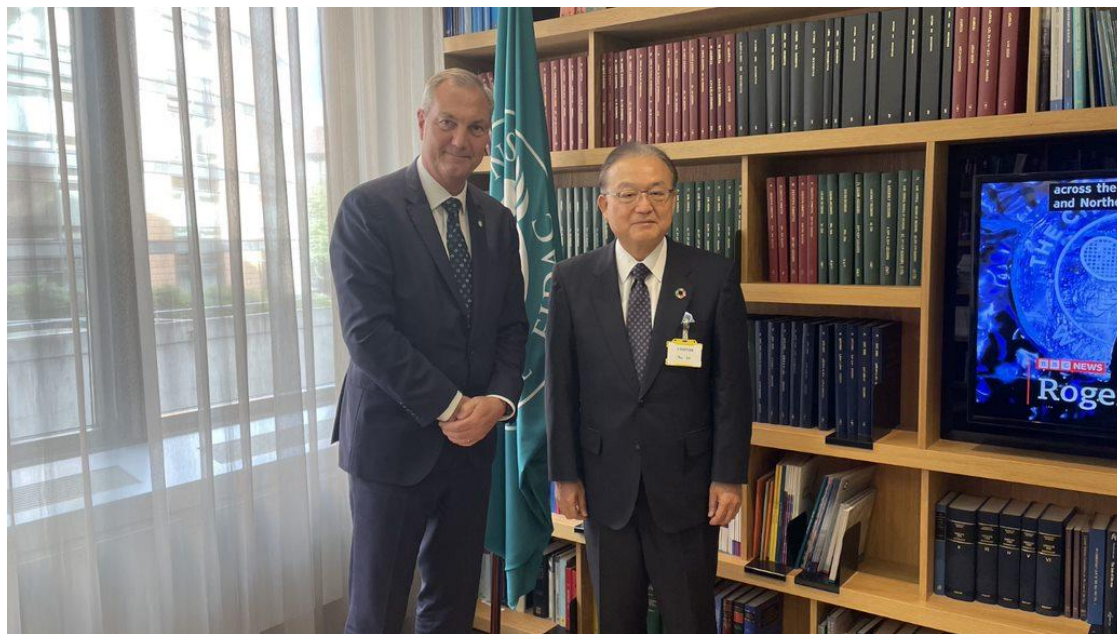


# Visit by the Japanese delegation

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On 15 September 2022, the Director, Mr Gaute Sivertsen, was delighted to welcome the Chairman of the Japan Maritime Center, Mr Masafumi Shukuri, and other representatives from the Japanese delegation to the IOPC Funds, including the Alternate Permanent Representative to IMO, Mr Kohei Iwaki.

Mr Sivertsen took the opportunity to report on the recent activities of the organisation, the challenges it currently faces and developments in incidents involving the IOPC Funds.

Mr Shukuri expressed appreciation for the efforts undertaken by the Director to improve the IOPC Funds' system through activities such as the recent meeting to consider possible lessons learned from the *Hebei Spirit* incident, the Director's visit to India earlier in the year and the ongoing project relating to the risk of insurers that are not members of the International Group of P&I Clubs.

Both Mr Shukuri and the Director reaffirmed their commitment to and the importance of ensuring the long-lasting cooperation between the IOPC Funds and Japan and discussed in particular possible projects on which the Japan Maritime Center and the IOPC Funds could collaborate in future.

The Japan Maritime Center is a research institute which conducts research projects within the maritime sector, provides advice to the Japanese Government and manages various non-profit marine activities.