

JMC-WMU Joint Symposium “New Technology FOR Seafarers’ Future”

Date: 8 November 2023, 1400-1600

Venue: WMU HQ building - Fiskehamnsgatan 1, 21119, Malmö / Recording will be made available

Agenda

1. Welcome Remarks: 5min. for each

Professor Maximo Q. Mejia, Jr., President, WMU
Mr. Masafumi Shukuri, Chairperson, JMC

2. Congratulatory speech by guest of honor:

Mr. Kitack Lim, Secretary-General, IMO (video)

3. Presentations: 15 min. for each

Mr. Jeppe Skovbakke Juhl, Manager, Maritime Safety & Security, BIMCO:

"Digitalization: Shipping companies' experiences and prospects"

Professor Momoko Kitada, Head of Maritime Education and Training, WMU: "Future skills and competences of seafarers"

Dr. Khanssa Lagdami, ITF Seafarers' Trust Assistant Professor, WMU: "Impact of technology on occupational safety and health of seafarers"

4. Panel Discussion: 40min

Moderator: Professor Momoko Kitada, Head of Maritime Education and Training, WMU

Panelists:

Mr. Jeppe Skovbakke Juhl, Manager, Maritime Safety & Security, BIMCO

Dr. Khanssa Lagdami, ITF Seafarers' Trust Assistant Professor, WMU

Ms. Dashbalbar Oyungerel (Mongolia, Deck Officer): Mongolia Maritime Administration, WMU

MSc student in the Maritime Safety and Environmental Administration (MSEA) specialization

Mr. Mao Tze Bayotas (Philippines, Engineer): The Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific (MAAP), WMU MSc student in the Maritime Energy Management (MEM) specialization

5. Concluding Remarks:

Professor Jens-Uwe Schröder-Hinrichs, Vice-President (Academic Affairs), WMU

Organizer biographies

Professor Maximo Q. Mejia, Jr., President, WMU

Professor Maximo Q. Mejia is an accomplished global leader and scholar in Maritime Governance, Policy, and Administration. With over three decades of professional and academic experience, Professor Mejia is a passionate international advocate for the promotion of safe, secure, sustainable, and efficient shipping on clean oceans.



Appointed by the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), Professor Mejia became the eighth President of the World Maritime University (WMU), a university established within the framework of the IMO and a global centre of excellence for maritime and ocean education, research, and capacity building. He is the first President from Asia and the first President who is a graduate of WMU. As the Chief Executive Officer, Professor Mejia oversees and directs the academic programmes, operations, and administration of the University.

Mr. Masafumi Shukuri, Chairperson, 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.

Guest biography

Mr. Kitack Lim, Secretary-General, IMO

Mr. Kitack Lim is the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO). Born in Masan, Mr. Lim graduated from the Korea Maritime and Ocean University (KMOU), Busan, and worked on ships before joining the Korea Maritime and Port Administration in 1985. From 1986, Mr. Lim participated in the Republic of Korea delegation to IMO meetings. In 2006, he was appointed as Maritime Attaché, minister-counsellor at the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in London and served as Alternate Permanent Representative to IMO until August 2009. Mr. Lim was then appointed Director General for Maritime Safety Bureau at the Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs (MLTM). In 2011, Mr. Lim was appointed Commissioner of the Korean Maritime Safety Tribunal (KMST). In 2012, he became President of Busan Port Authority, until January 2016 when he took up his appointment as Secretary-General of IMO. Mr. Lim serves as the Chancellor of WMU and is also a graduate of the University.



Speaker biographies

Mr. Jeppe Skovbakke Juhl, Manager, Maritime Safety & Security, BIMCO

Jeppe Skovbakke Juhl is educated as a naval architect and has been manager in the BIMCO department for Maritime Safety & Security for nearly 12 years. He is responsible for coordinating BIMCO's initiative on a wide range of technical related matters. Currently his core competencies cover maritime digitalization and autonomous ships, port efficiency and ship-shore interface and data exchange. In previous positions, Mr. Juhl was deeply involved in technical knowledge regarding maritime air emissions and the IMO Green House Gas Strategy, underwater radiated noise and lost containers at sea, as well as core knowledge in ship stability (intact and damage). Having attended IMO meetings throughout his career, he has fundamental insight to issues related to maritime flag state administration (flag state implementation, goal- and functional-based regulation, Risk-based approval process, including Formal Safety Assessment methodology).



Prof. Momoko Kitada, Head of Maritime Education and Training, WMU

Dr. Momoko Kitada is a former seafarer and full Professor at the World Maritime University (WMU). Dr. Kitada serves as Head of the Maritime Education & Training specialization. She has 18 years of research experience in gender issues in the maritime and ocean sectors with a significant number of publications in this area. Dr. Kitada teaches subjects in Maritime Education and Training (MET) and Maritime Energy Management (MEM) and leads WMU's collaboration efforts with the IMO in terms of its Women in Maritime programme, including regional Women in Maritime Associations (WIMAs), as well as the joint evaluation and audit of IMO activities on gender equality. She has served as the Secretariat of the WMU Women's Association (WMUWA) since 2014. Dr. Kitada is leading several research projects, such as Empowering Women in the Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development; and Transport 2040 Future of Work among others. She is a certified ILO Participatory Gender Audit facilitator and a certified Monitoring and Evaluation expert.



Dr. Khanssa Lagdami, ITF Seafarers' Trust Assistant Professor, WMU

Dr. Khanssa Lagdami joined the World Maritime University (WMU) in 2015 and is currently the ITF Seafarers' Trust Assistant Professor in Maritime Labour Law and Policy. Dr Lagdami is also the academic coordinator of the Maritime Welfare ([Mari-Wel](#)) programme at WMU which is a professional development programme that delivers a comprehensive overview of topics and issues related to seafarers' welfare, bringing together world-leading experts on seafarers' rights, maritime regulations, and welfare issues. Dr. Lagdami is also a lead member of the [Future of Work](#) programme at WMU. Dr Lagdami's expertise lies in maritime labour law, human rights at sea, maritime security, and the future of work in the maritime sector.



Panelists

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