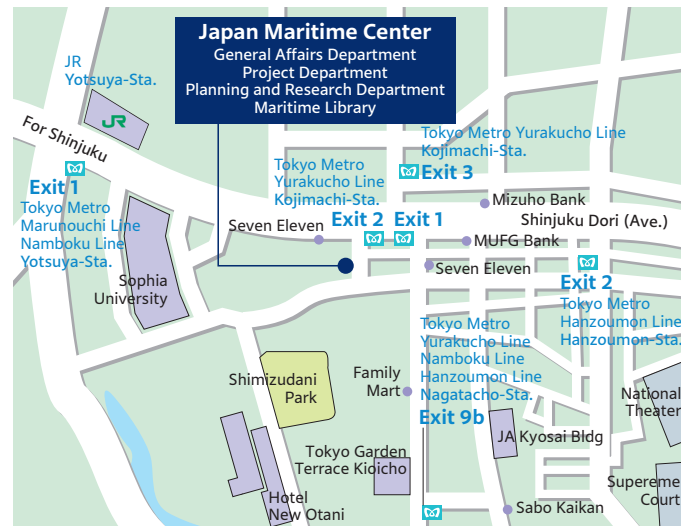


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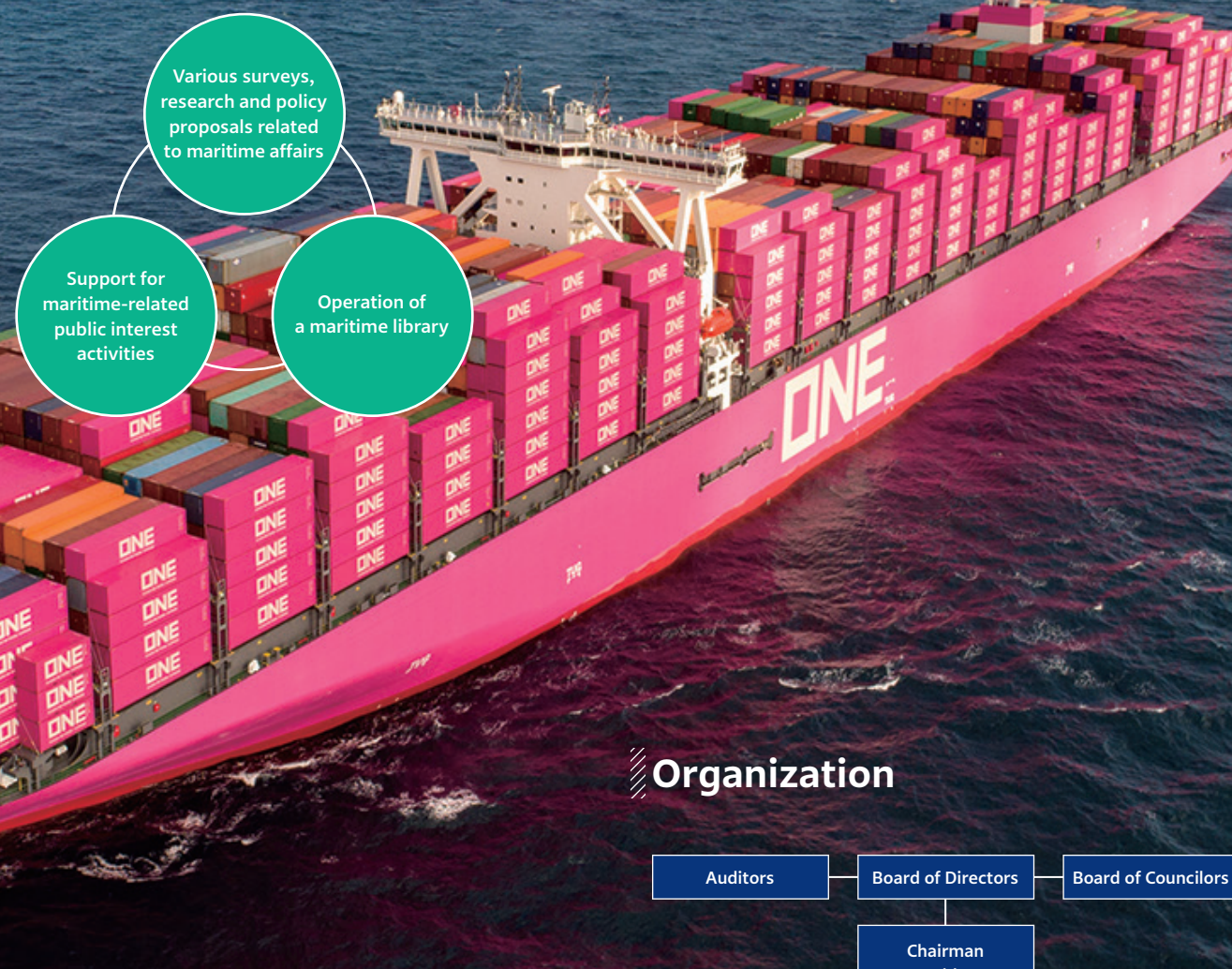
## Introduction

The Japan Maritime Center (JMC) was established in April 2007 through the merger of the Nippon Kaiji Foundation and the Nippon Kaiun Shinkokai, both of which were established in 1964. In April 2011, we transitioned from a civil law foundation to a public interest incorporated foundation based on the “Act on Authorization of Public Interest Incorporated Association and Public Interest Incorporated Foundation.”

In order to accurately respond to the rapid changes in the global economy and the increasingly complex issues related to maritime affairs, the Center conducts activities based on three pillars: various maritime related research and policy proposals, operation of a maritime library, and support for maritime related public interest activities.

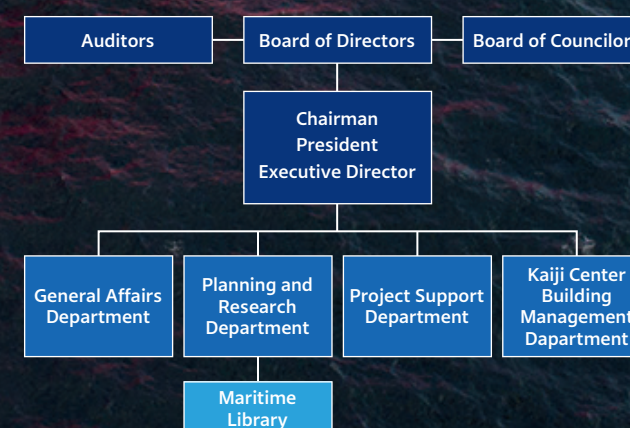
## Basic Philosophy

- ⊗ As a central think tank for the maritime community, we will contribute to cooperation and collaboration among the maritime industry, government agencies, and research institutions.
- ⊗ To contribute to the development of the maritime industry, which is indispensable to Japan’s economy and society.
- ⊗ To contribute to the promotion of public interest projects as a central institution in the maritime field
- ⊗ Contribute to the realization of a safe and secure maritime society
- ⊗ Contributing to the realization of a maritime society in harmony with the environment
- ⊗ Contributing to the international activities of the maritime community



The activities of the Center are supported by the Japan Shipowners’ Association and the Japan Federation of Pilots’ Associations.

## Organization



## Message from the Chairman

Maritime transport plays a key role in economic and social activities as well as in the lives of the people in Japan, an island country surrounded by sea. In fact, the maritime transport handles more than 99% of import/export trade volume of Japan.

In view of the current situation of the maritime transport, while the volume of freight-container movement has been increasing worldwide even in the prolong pandemic of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), COVID-19 has caused a shortage of container shipping capacity and port congestion. Those have led to “delays on maritime transport” and “significant rising of container freight rate,” and the unprecedented and lengthy disruption of global supply chain.

In addition, the economic devastation caused by Russian invasion of Ukraine is influencing global logistics, and the fluid world order is having a significant impact on Japan’s maritime community. Furthermore, the international shipping industry faces the urgent issue of global climate change and needs to reduce greenhouse gas (GHGs) emissions and make it carbon neutral shipping.

In order to contribute to the development of Japan as a maritime country, the Japan Maritime Center (JMC) is dedicated to (1) study or research on of various maritime issues and policy proposals based on its outcome, (2) operation of the Maritime Library, and (3) promotion of public-interest activities related to maritime affairs.

This March, JMC started “JMC Maritime Seminar Series” in addition to the “Maritime Nation Forum” which has been held 29 times since JMC was established, and the Maritime Library was reopened after relocation and refurbishment. We continue to improve ourselves and enhance our activities, such as renewal of our website to make it user-friendly design and creation of new logos for JMC and the Maritime Library to represent our devotion to maritime community, based on the PDCA cycle.

In April, JMC celebrated its 15th anniversary. In more fluid world order and the drastically changing economic environment, JMC will make more contributions to cooperation and collaboration among the maritime industry, governmental bodies and the academic or research institutes as a core think tank for maritime community in Japan. Furthermore, I hope JMC will fulfill a major role to develop the maritime industry, promote public-interest maritime activities, increase the public awareness of the maritime affairs, and enhance precise understanding of various maritime events.

We look forward to your understanding and cooperation in our efforts and activities.

April 2022



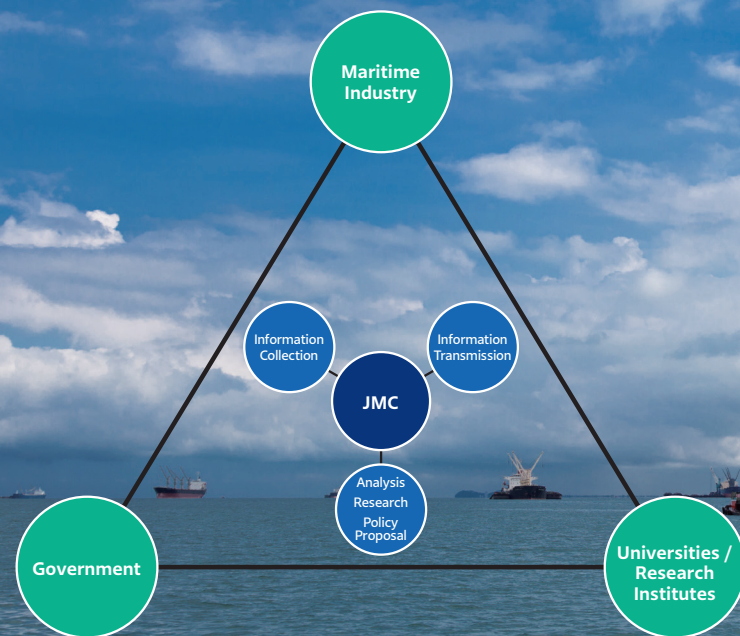
**Masafumi Shukuri**  
Chairman, Japan Maritime Center





## Activities of Planning and Research Department

### JMC is a Central Think Tank in the Maritime Community



### Research Activities through Research Committees

JMC conducts research and study, and makes policy proposals, organizing “Research Group on Shipping Issues,” with the participation of industry, governmental bodies, and academia.

“Research Group on Shipping Issues” has “Board of Research Committees,” which is forum for discussing a basic policy and comprehensive strategy of research and study projects or policy proposals. “Research Group on Shipping Issues” has 5 Standing Committees, in which individual issues are studied and discussed in line with the policy and strategy adopted by the “Board of Research Committees.”

#### Research Group on Shipping Issues

#### Board of Research Committees (Chairman: Professor Emeritus Takehiko Sugiyama, the University of Hitotsubashi)

#### Research Committees on

- IMO Legal Committee
- International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds
- Issues on Maritime Economy
- Issues on Seafarers
- Issues on Marine Environment



JMC will analyze recent trends in international situation and grasp the needs of the maritime community. JMC is engaged in the following activities in cooperation and collaboration with industry, governmental bodies, and academia, so that Japan may chart a right course and continue to thrive as a maritime country and a marine nation.

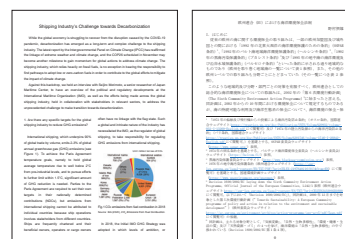
- Contribute to the sustainable development of the maritime industry centered around the ocean shipping industry, addressing following issues.
  - Decarbonization of international shipping as a countermeasure against climate change
  - Securing and developing maritime human resources
  - Strengthening the international competitiveness of ocean-going shipping
  - Promotion of maritime innovation
  - Development of new markets
  - Growth of maritime clusters
  - Development of global supply chains centered on East Asia and ASEAN countries
  - Japan’s engagement in the formulation of international rules and regulations at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and other organizations

- Contribution to stable international maritime transport and Japan’s economic security

- Grasping and analyzing trends of domestic and international maritime transport
- Contribution to securing fairness and equitableness of international compensation scheme for damages caused by maritime accidents



Seminar



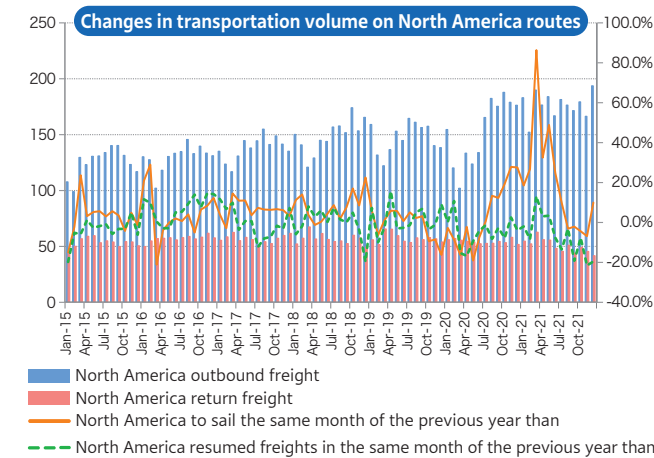
Research Paper



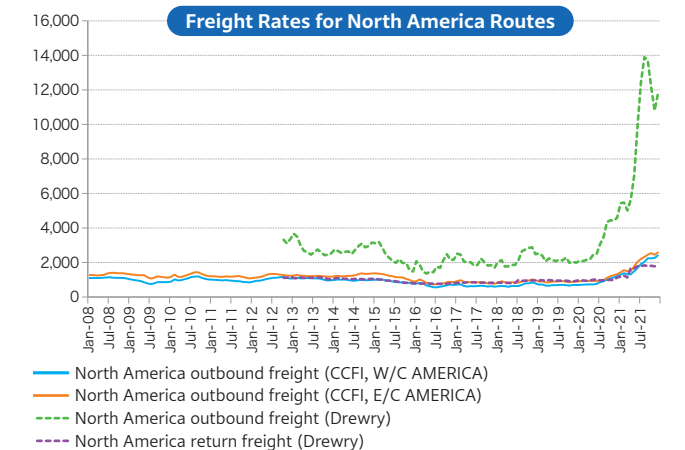
### Publication of the latest data

### Container import and export statistics released

Import and export statistics for major container routes are released monthly.



- Trends in Containerized Cargo Movement between Japan, Asia and the U.S.
- Trends in Containerized Cargo Movement between Japan, Asia and Europe
- Trends in Japan-China Container Routes and Intra-Asia Container Routes



### Partnerships with WMU etc.

JMC has concluded an agreement for cooperation of research and study with the World Maritime University in Malmö. Under the agreement, JMC will collaborate and interact with professors and experts of the WMU on its study, build up an international information network in addition to domestic one in the maritime community and refine its research skills and methods.

- JMC makes research about maritime transport and logistics abroad and exchange of information and views about them, actively collaborating with universities, think tanks, and research institutes etc. in Japan.
- JMC promotes understanding of younger generation, forging future of Japan, about maritime and shipping policies.



the World Maritime University



Memorandum of Understanding about research and study with the World Maritime University

### Attending International Meetings

JMC is represented in the following international meetings as a part of the Japanese delegation.

- IMO Legal Committee
- IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee
- IOPC Funds meetings



Headquarters of IMO, flying the flags of member states



## Information Transmission

### Maritime Nation Forum

The Maritime Nation Forum is held once or twice a year about the latest topics of maritime affairs.

#### The 29th Maritime Nation Forum

(October 2021 \* Held in person and via YouTube)

Future Prospects for Oceangoing Shipping Industry in a Fluidized International Situation, etc.



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### JMC Maritime Seminar

JMC started “JMC Maritime Seminar Series” in March 2022 to discuss various maritime issues, including research topics that the JMC is working on. Its aim is to analyze the issues from different perspectives, to share the information of development of projects or initiatives dealing with the common maritime issues and to exchange the views about proposals for solutions.

#### First JMC Seminar

(March 2022 \*Online (Zoom webinar))

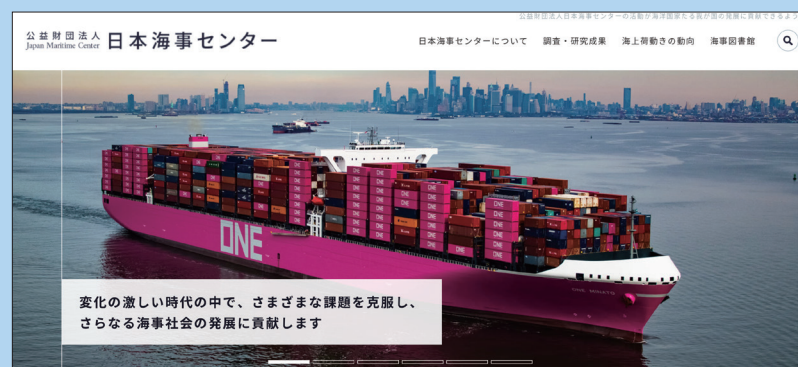
The container-shipping industry is undergoing major changes due to the spread of COVID-19 etc.



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### Home page <https://www.jpmac.or.jp>

In October 2021, the website was renewed, including the top page. The new website provides a variety of maritime-related information in a timely manner. JMC also operates a portal site for maritime human resource development and maritime education.



### Sea Work.com

As a project of the Council for the Promotion of Human Resources Development for the Next Generation in the Maritime Industry (Maritime Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism), we manage and operate the portal site “Sea Work.com,” which serves as a window for providing information on jobs at sea.



### E-mail Magazine

This monthly newsletter provides information on the research and study activities of the Japan Maritime Center, announcements from the Maritime Library, recommended new books, and lectures on how to look up maritime materials.

✉ Sign up for our e-mail magazine  
<http://www.jpmac.or.jp/etc/mail-magazine.html>



## JMC Support for maritime-related public interest activities



JMC offers grants to maritime public-interest projects carried out by such organizations as follows.

#### Subsidized organizations in FY2022

##### Maritime Law

Japanese Maritime Law Association

##### Seafarers

Seamen's Employment Center of Japan  
Maritime Academy Foundation  
The Maritime Human Resource Institute, Japan  
The Association for promoting safety and sanitation for Seafarers

##### Maritime Safety

The Japan Association of Marine Safety  
Tokyo wan Association for Marine Safety  
The Kobe Marine Casualty Prevention Institute  
The Seibu Association for Preventing Marine Casualty  
The Isewan Marine Safety Association  
The Japan Sea Marine Accidents Prevention Association  
Setonaikai Maritime Safety Association  
Japan Marine Rescue Association  
Marine Accident Inquiry and Safety Investigation Association  
Japan Coast Guard Association  
Maritime Public Relation

##### Maritime Public Relation

Japan Maritime Public Relation Center  
Japan Sea Cadet Federation

##### Pilot

The Maritime Human Resource Institute, Japan



Examples of projects using subsidies



Seafarers' Accident Prevention Project and Survival Training



Marine Youth League Activities



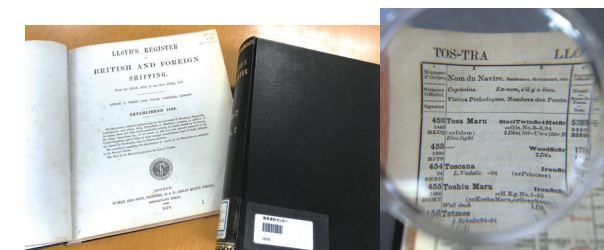
## Maritime Library

Maritime Library, established in June 1974, is one of the major maritime libraries in Asia open to the public. JMC administrates the library, upgrading its functions, and enhancing user's convenience.

#### Main Items in the Collection

JMC collects reference books and key publications on maritime affairs ranging from the mid-19th century to the present.

- Containerisation International (1977-)
- Containerisation International Yearbook (1972-2012)
- Fairplay (1984-)
- Lloyd's List (1961-)
- Lloyd's Register of Shipping, Register of Ships (1876-)
- Shipping Statistics Yearbook (Bremen 1966-)
- Nihon Senmeiroku (Japan Register of Ships) (1890-1998)



Lloyd's Register



Reading room

The Library provides an enquiry service by e-mail in English. Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) is also available via JMC's Website.

<https://www.jpmac.or.jp/library/>

