

Japan Ship Technology Research Association

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ANNOUNCEMENT

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Asian Shipbuilding Experts' Forum for International Maritime Technical Initiative (ASEF)

Maritime regulations in recent years have been successively reviewed and revised, and results of these efforts include the amendments to the treaties of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and changes in IACS regulations. Some of these revisions pose significant implications for shipbuilding design and construction.

These reviews of international regulations do not fully reflect findings related to the technical aspects of shipbuilding. It is an unfortunate fact that despite accounting for some 90% of all newly-built ships worldwide, Asian shipbuilding industries continue to have little voice for these reviewing international regulations. Likely reasons for this state of affairs include lack of proper consideration of how such international initiatives are to be communicated to industries or their potential effects on such industries and the relative shortage of active or constructive contributions from Asian shipbuilders.

As world fleet increases, stricter regulations are expected to be imposed to ensure safety and environment protection. Effective engagement with these trends requires that the entire Asian shipbuilding industry quickly identify general trends in international regulations and standards and improve mutual communication in the region. In other words, shipbuilding engineers in Asia must share information and enhance their mutual understanding through discussions of matters that may significantly affect shipbuilding industries. They must then express their counterproposals and views coherently in international conferences.

We firmly believe that such efforts are needed to develop reasonable and acceptable international regulations and standards based on shipbuilding technologies; to establish truly effective maritime safety and environmental protection; and to contribute to sound growth in the shipbuilding industry.

These, then, are the underlying factors and the goals of shipbuilding engineers in Asia that have prompted the establishment of the ASEF.

Specialists involved in Asian shipbuilding are cordially invited to attend the inaugural ASEF Forum, scheduled to be held in November 2007 in Japan.

Organizer of the Forum:

Japan Ship Technology Research Association (JSTRA)

Advocates:

China Association of the National Shipbuilding Industry (CANSI) The Korean Shipbuilders' Association (KOSHIPA) The Shipbuilders' Association of Japan (SAJ)



Outline of the 1st ASEF

I Schedule

15th-16th, November 2007

II Location

Museum of Maritime Science 5F (Mermaid Hall), Tokyo, Japan (See Appendix 1)

III Organizer

Japan Ship Technology Research Association (JSTRA) Sponsored by Nippon Foundation

IV Program

- 1. Following expert presentations addressing various controversial points, all participants are invited to exchange views concerning various themes of major international shipbuilding regulations (GBS, Coating Standard, Ship-recycling). Members may propose any other items.
- 2. Discussions related to the framework of future Forum(s) (Forum management and scope of participants)
- 3. Determination of next year's Forum Organizer

Note: The Forum will proceed in English with English/Japanese simultaneous interpretation.

V Eligibility of Participants

Experts involved in Asian shipbuilding industries (shipbuilding and ship machinery and equipment manufacturing), and relevant R&D activities; governmental organizations and societies related to ships and ship classification may attend the forum as observers.

VI Registration

- Complete the registration form and send to JSTRA by 26th October, 2007.
- No participation fee is required.
- All participants are responsible for their own transportation and accommodation expenses.

VII Accommodation

(See Appendix 2)

VIII Contact

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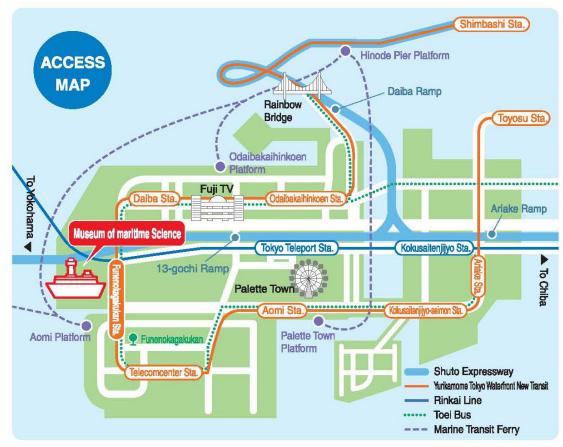
Map & Directions

Name The Museum of Maritime Science (FUNENO KAGAKUKAN) 5F (Mermaid Hall)

Address 3-1 Higashiyashio, Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo 135-8587, Japan

Telephone +81-3-5500-1110 Fax +81-3-5500-1190

URL: http://www.tcvb.or.jp/en/infomation/7recom/set06.html



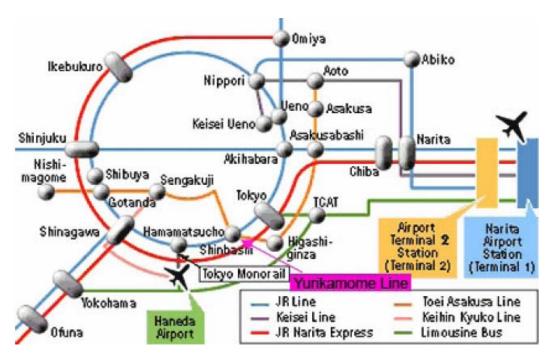
Yurikamome Tokyo Waterfront New Transit: **Funenokagakukan** (Museum of Maritime Science) **Station** — 17 minutes from **Shimbashi Station** / 14 minutes from **Toyosu Station**.

- Rinkai Line: Tokyo Teleport Station 12 minutes' walk to the Museum
- Toei Bus for Tokyo Big Sight about 20 minutes from JR Hamamatsucho Station
- Toei Bus for Tokyo Teleport Station via Subway Yurakucho Line Toyosu Station about 30 minutes from Subway Tozai Line Monzennakacho Station
- Cruising on Marine Transit Ferry about 25 minutes from Hinode Pier or Shinagawa Suizokukan Pier
- By Car: Ariake or 13-gochi Ramp of Shuto Expressway Wangan Line, Daiba Ramp of 11-go Line, Daiba of Rinkou Road (lower route of Rainbow Bridge)

ACCESS MAP FROM THE AIRPORTS TO TOKYO AREA

Welcome to Tokyo!

Asia Shipbuilding Experts Forum (ASEF) for International Maritime Technical Initiatives



<Airport Access>

1) Airport Limousine Bus from Narita Airport (1F Front desk to purchase ticket) http://www.limousinebus.co.jp/en/guide/map/takeshiba_rinkaihukutoshin_h.html

Destination: Ginza/Shiodome area Hotel Bus stop: Conrad Tokyo (1minutes walk)

Fare: around 2,700 yen Duration: 60-65 min.

2) Keisei Train Skyliner + JR Train

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Narita Airport	
	http://www.keisei.co.jp/keisei/tetudou/keisei_us/html/skyliner.html Train: Keisei Skyliner Airport Express Destination: Nippori Station Fare: 1,920 yen AND Duration: 51 min.
Nippori Station	
—	http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/travel_info/index.html Train: Yamanote line bound for Ikebukuro by East Japan Railway Destination: Shinbashi Station Fare: 160 yen AND Duration: 15 min.
Shinbashi Station	
	5 min.by walk
Hotel Villa Fontaine SHIODOME	

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION for YOUR ACCOMMODATION

We are very pleased to introduce you next additional information on the Hotels around the 'Museum of Maritime Science' (ASEF FORUM is taken place).

We hope you can select the Hotels from the next List and send back the Application Form attached as soon as possible ;

We recommend you the next Hotel;

Hotel Villa Fontaine SHIODOME

Address	1-9-2, Higashi-shinbashi,	TEL : +81 3 3569	H.P:http://www.villa-fontaine.co.jp		
	Minato-ku,	2220			
	Tokyo,105-0021	FAX : +81 3 3569			
		2111			
	* Single room (Double bed) — ¥12,000/1 night with Breakfast for single use				
Rate	(in case Double use, ¥ 8,000 for each person- Total ¥16,000)				
	* 2minutes walk from Shiodome Station of Yurikamome line and convenient for other				
Transportation	traffic line such as JR Shinbashi Station and Keihin Kyuko line. Also 20minutes				
•			AGAKUKAN) by Yurikamome line.		
	*Airport Limousine from/to Narita and Haneda Airport (Limousine stops 'Conrad				
	Tokyo' Hotel which is next to this Hotel).				
	* Free internet service (get LAN cable at Reception)				

Previously recommended Hotel;

Hotel Grand	Pacific Meridian				
Address	2-6-1,Daiba, Minato-ku, Tokyo 135-8701	TEL: +81 3 5500 6711 FAX: +81 3 5500 4507	H.P:http://www.meridien-grandpacific.com/		
Rate	* Twin (Double) room — \\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\				

Other Hotel;

Seaside Hotel Shiba Yayoi Kaikan						
Address	1-10-27, kaigan,	TEL : +81 3 3434	H.P:http://www.nre.co.jp/			
	Minato-ku,	6841				
	Tokyo,105-0022	FAX : +81 3 3434				
		2505				
	* Single room — ¥7,830/1 night, plus Breakfast 900yen if you need					
Rate	* Twin room (Single use) ¥9,900 ,Twin room	(double use) ¥7,000 for each			
	person					

^{*} If you have any trouble in reserving the Hotel in Tokyo area, please contact us without hesitation; Mr. Ichiro Ogo; email: oqo@jstra.jp