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When the water of Suellshammen canal, located near World Maritime University (WMU), becomes clearer in the summer, following the long winter, WMU International Day is held at Henrik Smith Residence, a WMU dormitory. WMU students, university staff, and residents of Malmö gather to share the traditional foods, clothing, and cultures of their respective nations. This is the strength of WMU, its mosaic of diverse cultures.

The professional knowledge on international maritime affairs and spirit of diversity and tolerance of differences that students acquire and experience on the campus are valuable assets for them in their efforts to secure the peace and security of the international community.

Since 2004, the Republic of Korea has offered a WMU fellowship program to ensure the continued growth of the international maritime industry, promote the spirit of tolerance and harmony, and repay the generosity of the many other countries that have offered scholarships to Korean students in the past. Through this program, Korea has supported 47 WMU students in 25 countries so far.

As part of our efforts to support WMU students, the publication of this inaugural issue of the Voyage Together newsletter will help WMU

students maintain the friendships that they have developed and cherished on the campus. The newsletter will be published twice a year to allow WMU graduates to share their experiences at WMU and their lives after graduation as international maritime experts.

Based on the momentum generated by this publication, Korea plans to expand its support for WMU students. As COVID-19 restrictions are eased and international travel and exchanges return to normal, the current program for WMU students to visit Korea will be expanded. Additionally, in cooperation with the Korean maritime industry, a global internship program for WMU graduates will be developed.

In Sweden, we often hear people say, “Ska vi fika?”, which means, “Shall we have a cup of coffee?” During class at WMU, I used this phrase whenever I wanted to suggest taking a short break. It reflects Sweden’s community culture, where people talk freely and frankly over a cup of coffee. Despite our busy daily lives, I hope that we can talk about and share our news and stories over a cup of coffee and exchange our precious memories of WMU through this newsletter.

Thank you.

My journey at World Maritime Univ.



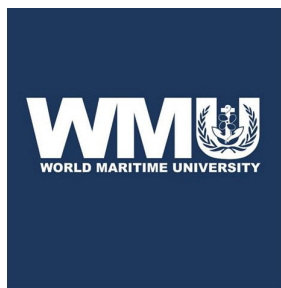
Ms. Hoang Thi Hong Hanh
(WMU Alumnus '20, Vietnam)
Lecturer of Vietnam Maritime University



My journey at World Maritime University

Career is one of the most important elements of human life besides family and health. From a young age, everybody has their own dream of being a successful man or woman in the future, and I am not an exception. My unique aspiration is to become a well-informed lecturer in maritime law. My path to success requires great progress, and my journey at World Maritime University is a significant milestone helping me to reach the destination of my life.

I would like to tell you my story. One day, at a maritime law class in Vietnam Maritime University, a venerable Professor who came from Korea asked his students “What is your dream?” All students wrote their answers down the pieces of paper. As an assistant teacher, who helped the Professor to do a few simple things in class,



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I also truthfully wrote down my paper “My aspiration is studying maritime law at World Maritime University”. At that time, I extremely understood that there are numerous challenges facing my colleagues and me in teaching and researching maritime law at our university. For example, there is a shortage of experts in maritime law in Vietnam so we have little chance to exchange ideas or points of view academically; we lack learning materials such as books, industry newspapers and magazines; we lack the practical experiences, and our communicative competence in English is at a low level. The Korean Professor also recognized these issues as well as my ambition to study and improve teaching ability. He recommended me to the Republic of Korea Government (ROK), Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (MOF) and I successfully got a fellowship to study MSc Programme in Maritime Law and Policy at WMU - S20.



WMU - the unforgettable impressions:

I arrived at WMU on a summer day with gentle sunshine and breeze. It is a century-old harbormaster's building which was renovated with a jagged façade of glass and aluminum, reflecting a classical and modern beauty. The building is located in the Malmö city center, which is not very far from the center station, Malmö's live concert hall, and harbor. My favorite place of the building is the library, where stores thousands of maritime books that I have desired to read for a long time ago. Sitting at the library, through the small windows, I could see the river flowing tranquilly into the sea, the trees gradually turning yellow when the fall knocked the door, the white clouds floating in the blue summer sky, the seagulls flying over the window frames. These windows opened up a new world, where I could explore a horizon of knowledge and feel a sense of excitement, happiness of studying every day.

Besides the library, the song "WMU, our beloved school" made an impression on me. My friends and I sang this song at the graduation ceremony of senior students S19. The beautiful melody and lyrics expressed the spirit of the WMU family and inspired me of the mission to ensure cleaner oceans and safer ships:

**WMU, our beloved school
Maritime experts produced
As a global tool
Cleaner oceans! Safer ships!
Voice for the whole wide world
Cooperation we achieve
Much more precious than gold!**

The library and the WMU traditional song are the best memories in my heart whenever I remember WMU, forever.



My achievement at WMU:

At WMU, I have learned valuable lessons, which I have never known or inadequately understood. I realized that the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are an urgent call for action by not only all countries but also every citizen, including you and me. I was taught that the shipping industry carries 90% volume of goods over the world. Therefore, ensuring safe, secure, environmentally sound, efficient and sustainable shipping through cooperation is not only IMO's mission but also a responsibility of each organization or individual irrespective of the flag state, port state control, classification of society, shipowner, or seafarer. Moreover, the maritime industry is risky and has to face with a numerous challenges such as natural catastrophes, piracy and other unlawful acts, the



financial burden on reducing emissions, or cyber-security risks, which threaten the safety and security of shipping operations. I also learned that the autonomous ship is a great opportunity as well as a big challenge of the shipping sector in perspectives of technology, legal, workforce, and training. In addition, I have learned about the skills and research methods, which effectively supports me in improving my teaching ability. The studying activities such as article critical analysis, presentation, debate, written assignment enhanced the skills of critical thinking, legal argument, academic writing, and teamwork. At Maritime Law and Policy Specialization, I participated in the Moot Court relating to a delimitation dispute, which helped me to understand intensively the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea 1982. Definitely, I will take the Moot Court experience back to

my country for incorporation in my university's curriculum.

I will never forget the teamwork with my friends, exciting assignments, late nights studying, and the assessments from Professors that help me become better every day. All are happy moments in my journey at WMU.

Four seasons in Malmö:

Besides studying, I spent my weekend on biking with my host family. He is a kind man, who loves traveling and has a healthy lifestyle. We went through four seasons in Malmö, spring, summer, autumn, and winter. We experienced the beauty of nature, enjoyed coffee, cinnamon buns, and other traditional Swedish foods. We rode along the beach, crossing the forests and the fields of ripe wheat. In the spring, the biking roads were colorful with pink cherry blossoms,

yellow flowers of rapeseeds, and white flowers of apple, pear, plum, and buckeye trees. In the summer, we rode to the beach to see the swans and the ducks finding foods, the seagulls flying on the waves. In the autumn, the leaf changed into yellow and red color, filling all of paths. The apples, plums, and pears were ripe and gave off their fragrance. In winter, we passed the window frames with warm lights. Inside those frames, happy families sat around the tables with shimmering candles, hot chocolate, potato soup, roast chicken, and toast. I extremely love peaceful Sweden and the simple lifestyle of Swedish people.

Covid pandemic and regretful things

Covid-19 has spread throughout Europe since March 2020 with a fear of increasing death in Italy and Spain. Sweden was not locked down but the government implemented social distancing rules. We stayed at Henrik Smith Residence to study online

instead of going to university. That was a hard time for us because of the fatigue of distance learning and terrible loneliness. However, we tried our best to overcome the difficulties, complete the exams and assignments, submit the dissertation on time with the best quality. We supported each other, sharing learning materials, foods, and sadness. We did hope the graduation would come as early as possible.

We missed field trips because of covid-19. We dreamed, waited, and hoped to visit IMO headquarter in London, the International Court of Justice in The Hague, Denmark, Germany, and India. However, we were extremely disappointed with the escalation of the disease.

Finally, the graduation ceremony was held while the number of covid-19 infected cases in Sweden doubled. At WMU, we obligated the strict rules of social distancing, wearing face masks, no guests, no family members. Despite numerous obstacles, we had



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a memorable graduation ceremony. We were proud to step onto the stage and receive the certificates, which we have worked hard for more than a year to achieve them with our own dedication. Thinking back to the past, our class is certainly one of the most special classes in WMU history. It has been quite a journey with so many unpredictable situations and unknowns coming our way; however, the manner with which we have adapted, overcome, and succeeded is nothing short of phenomenal. As the WMU's President mentioned at the graduation ceremony, we are forged from the highest quality tempered steel.

In a nutshell, career is essential to each person, not only for survival but also for self-determination. Studying maritime law at WMU under the auspices of ROK, MOF is a turning point in my career, which helps me to identify personal values and be more confident to constantly contribute to my university and my country. I will keep in mind all of the kindness that ROK, MOF expressed to me. In the future, if I have any opportunity, I shall be ready to serve the Korean Government as an actual citizen. In my heart, the Republic of Korea is my second home country. I think that the path to success is not a destination but is progress. My remaining path is so long and I have enough energy to come to the bright future.

Alumni Spotlight



Mr. DZAKPASU, Seth Anthony
(WMU Alumnus '19, Ghana)
Commanding Officer of
the Ghana Navy Headquarters

Q1 Your current job in your country

I am a Naval Officer and current the Commanding Officer of the Ghana Navy Headquarters. I am currently a student on the Senior Command and Staff Course at the Ghana Armed Forces Command and Staff College. Over the period, I have completed a Master of Science dissertation on the Security Implication of Illegal Fish Transshipment in the Gulf of Guinea – the Case of Ghana's Fisheries Sector. I have submitted this dissertation for the award of Master of Science in Defence and International Politics. Upon completion of this course I hope to be given a higher Command or Staff appointment in the Ghana Armed Forces in line with the purpose of the course. I also continue to study and read myself into current happenings in the maritime world.

Q2 What you've learn from WMU

WMU provided me with the essential requirements to understand the essential of topical issues in the maritime field. It has given me the capacity to not only understand but to find solution so to challenges in today's maritime industry. I have developed the reasoning capacity to analyse problems from perspectives beyond my usual capacity and that of my contemporaries. I have learnt that answers to some of the most pressing issues lie in otherwise contradictory solutions. Synthesis has become the true way of finding lasting solution to problems. The employment of systems and complexity thinking in day-to-day activities is an important step in finding solutions to life's most nagging problems.

Q3 Special memories of WMU

Yes, My Class's trip to Korea with Prof Song. Prof Song presented a unique aspect of South Korea to me which was truly impressive though I had earlier visited ROK in 2012. Prof Song unlike some Profs is a very warm and approachable person who cares for his students and makes learning fun. My studies especially writing my dissertation under Prof Raphael Baumler was unique. I stretched my problem solving capacity to levels I least though I could reach. My interactions with Prof Michael Manuel, Ann Pazaver and Chris Hoebeke made learning more interactive and enjoyable.

Q4 What advice would you give to current youth/applicant

To study and be abreast with maritime affairs internationally and regionally in Asia. Also important is the application of international solutions and innovations to regional and nationally challenges will enable creativity and better problem solving. Today's knowledge was developed by a group of researcher's who were either curious to find solutions to problem or chanced on theories as a result of other studies. This indicates the importance of studying not only in conformity to the strict standards of today but also the quest for innovative thinking and working outside the box.

Q5 News you would like to share your WMU friends

The world would only be a better place when we all strive every minute to create selfless and enduring solutions to curb the devastation of Corona Virus. The world systems which have normally been to solve individual health challenges need to be modified to resolve the pandemics and collective health issues. This undergirds the importance of unity and integration or all forms of life. The existence of mankind depends on the survival of the individual and vice versa. It is time to rethink health care.

Alumni Spotlight

Mr. Javier Diaz

(ROK-WMU Alumnus '18) Professor
of the International Maritime
University of Panama (UMIP)



Q1 Your current job in your country

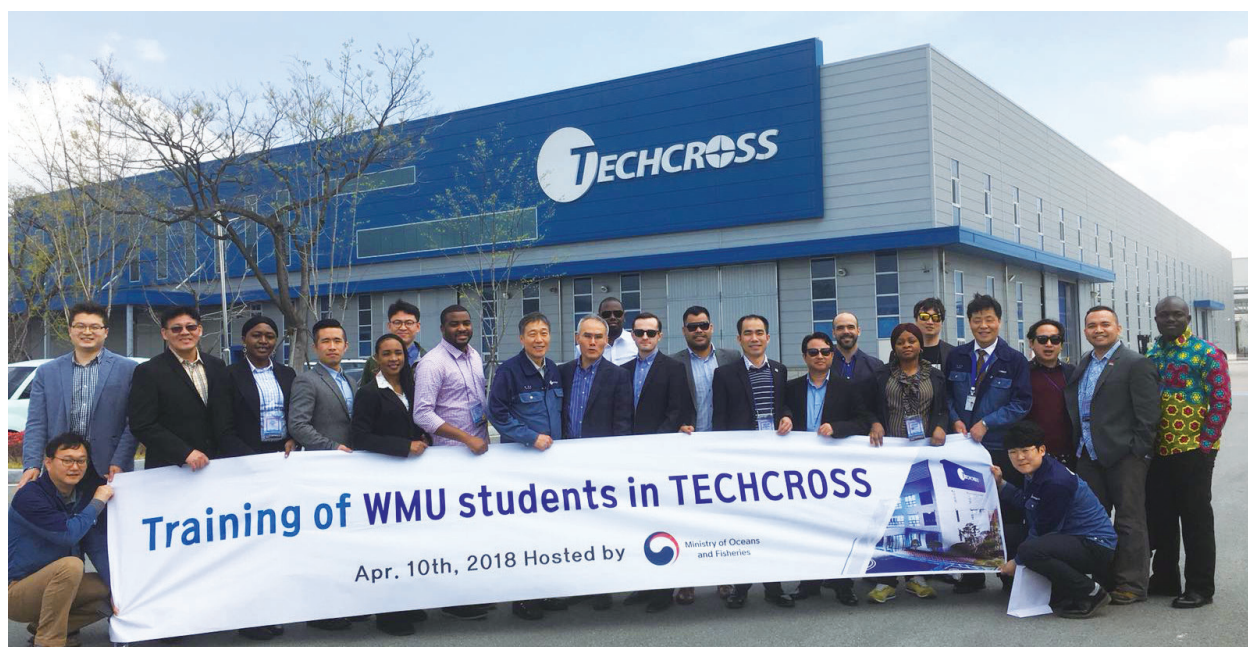
I am Professor at the International Maritime University of Panama (UMIP), Faculty of Nautical Sciences. Likewise, Instructor of IMO Model Courses. I am also working at the Maritime Technology Cooperation Centre for Latin America (MTCC-LA) as Technical Officer. MTCC-LA is an IMO project, funded by the European Union (headquartered in Panama at UMIP), aiming to support participating Developing Countries, Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States in limiting and reducing GHG emissions from their shipping sectors through technical assistance, cooperation, and capacity building to promote ship energy efficiency and a sustainable shipping industry. Recently, we have completed and released 2 Pilot Projects Reports (find here below both Reports PDF format).

<https://gm.imo.org/pilot-project/mtcc-latin-america-pilot-projects/>

Q2 What you've learn from WMU

From WMU I've learned a lot of maritime related knowledge and gained specific technical expertise; additionally, I've improved my leadership, communication and teamwork skills, which have contributed significantly to my personal and professional growth. However, the perfect complement to the master's program is the possibility of sharing with classmates from all over the world, to exchange ideas and opinions with multidisciplinary experts while studying together preparing an assignment or project.

Also, the cultural exchange is fundamental to find out what is happening beyond your country and often find answers and new thoughts from colleagues that could be implemented in your home country.



Part.3 Activities after graduation



Q3 Special memories of WMU

Studying at WMU was an amazing lifetime experience; the opportunity to get to know friends from different countries and cultures and learn from highly qualified maritime specialists made the experience even more special for me. I still remember the Field Studies, especially the ones at Korea (with Prof. Dong-Wook Song), Germany (with Prof. Michael Baldauf), and of course, the visit to the IMO headquarters in London, UK (with Prof. Raphael Baumler) definitely, a great and extraordinary personal and professional experience.

situation around us has changed so dramatically due to the pandemic of COVID-19, and during these times our faith may be challenged, I hope that we can all rise stronger together to embrace the new opportunities that we have ahead. Here in Panama we are already under the vaccination process with optimism for a better condition soon, hoping the best for all WMU family and friends around the world.

Hoping the situation gets better soon so that you can come to visit and enjoy Panama and its beautiful places. (with Prof. Raphael Baumler) definitely, a great and extraordinary personal and professional experience.

Q4 Advice current WMU student

Explore the job opportunities, the developments in your home country and how you could innovate and contribute to it; then focus on your area of interest and once you join WMU try to learn as much as you can from all the professors, maritime experts and specialists, as well as from your classmates, which are generally, maritime professionals in their home countries.

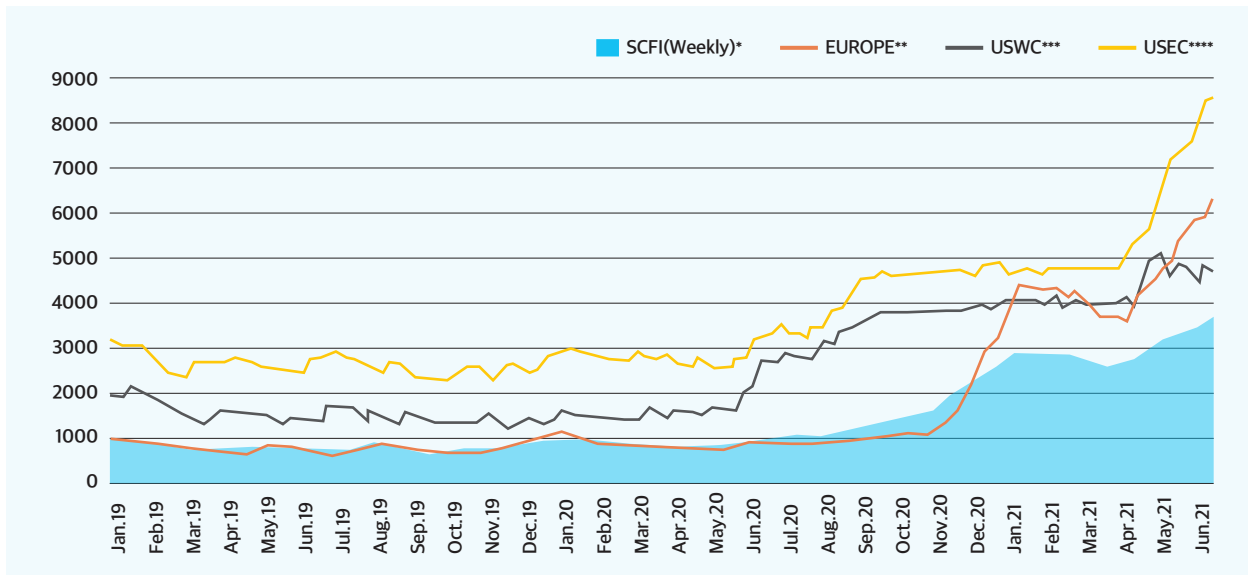
Q5 News you want to share

Although we are still living in uncertain times and the



Global Shipping Trends

High charter rates in a containership market are expected to continue until year's end



* SCFI(Weekly): Shanghai Containerized Freight Index

** EUROPE: Shanghai-Europe (base port) Freight Rate(\$/TEU)

*** USWC: Shanghai-West Coast America (base port) Freight Rate(\$/FEU)

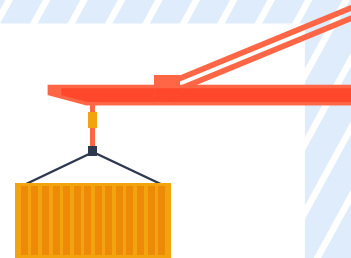
**** USEC: Shanghai-East Coast America (base port) Freight Rate(\$/FEU)

Large-scale economic stimulus measures taken in developed countries such as the United States and Germany in 2020 have resulted in an increase in disposable incomes in the private sector. This, in turn, raised demand for durable goods, leading to a sharp increase in containership demand. Meanwhile, the increase in export volume, mainly from China and other parts of Asia, caused a shortage of containership supply, and worsening port congestion due to the spread of the COVID-19 resulted in a shortage of container boxes. Container freight rates continue to rise due to the rapid increase in

containership demand and insufficient supply of container ships. The Shanghai Containerized Freight Index (SCFI), which best reflects the containership market situation, increased by about 2.4 times from an average of 1,234 points in 2020 to an average of 3,020 points as of the first half of this year (January-June). Given that the third quarter of each year is the traditional peak season for the containership market when shipments increase ahead of Thanksgiving and Christmas, the high charter rates in the containership market are expected to continue until the end of this year. As of July 2021, Korea accounts for about 5.2 percent (1.25 million TEU) of the global container market capacity, recording an increase of about 1.9 percentage points (490,000 TEU) compared to 3.3 percent (760,000 TEU) as of December 2019. The rapid increase in Korea's capacity is evidence that the maritime reconstruction policy led by the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries is generating tangible results.



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— 2021 Korea Maritime Week Hosted by Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (MOF) —

The Korea Maritime Week is upcoming, held from 26 to 27 October 2021 (for two days) in a hybrid format and its sessions will be broadcast in real time through its website. The Week this year, consisting of four sessions, will be an insightful opportunity for looking ahead and sharing strategies for seafarers, shipping and other maritime segments, attended by international experts across the board.

< 2021 Korea Maritime Week Program >

Special Discussion	Theme : “Eco-Friendly and digitalization Era, the future of the maritime industry”
Session-1	Improving Seafarers' Human Rights and Raising Awareness of the Working Conditions of Seafarers
Session-2	Trends and Prospects of Environment-friendly Policy in the Maritime Sector ▲ Protection of the Marine Environment ▲ Response to Air Pollution and Climate Change
Session-3	Maritime Digitalization Trend and Prospects ▲ High-speed information Network on Land and at Sea ▲ Emergence of MASS (Maritime Autonomous Surface Ship) and Direction of International Standardization

※ Registration : After completing the pre-registration form (from September to October) at its website (www.koreamaritimeweek.or.kr), you can watch the live broadcast on each event day.

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— Republic of Korea, seeking re-election to the IMO Council —

The election of 40 Members of the Council will be held during the IMO Assembly 32nd session taking place 6 to 15 December 2021. The Republic of Korea, announcing its candidature for election on 5 May this year, seeks re-election to the IMO Council under Category (a) for an 11th consecutive term.

— “See you all in the Republic of Korea when the COVID-19 pandemic is over” —

MOF, when the COVID-19 pandemic is over, will invite WMU alumni to the Republic of Korea and arrange a programme for cooperation and exchange with touring shipping and shipbuilding industries as well as experiencing Korean society and culture for them. MOF is willing to make an opportunity for WMU alumni to participate in an internship at the industries in the Korean maritime sector such as shipping and shipbuilding, if they want.



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