

WMU-KOJI SEKIMIZU DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

endowed by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore

Launch Reception 25 June 2019 at 12:30



Secretary-General Kitack Lim and President Cleopatra Dombia-Henry congratulate Dr Sekimizu on the award of the degree of Doctor of Science, honoris causa: 2016

Programme: Delegates' Lounge

- 12:35 Introductory Remarks:
- HE the High Commissioner of Singapore to the United Kingdom
 - the Secretary-General of IMO and Chancellor of WMU
 - the President of WMU
- 12:50 Lunch
- 14:00 Presentation by Dr. Koji Sekimizu (Committee Room 3-4-5)

Dr Koji Sekimizu

Dr Sekimizu served as Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) from 2012 to the end of 2015. After completing his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in engineering at Osaka University,

Dr Sekimizu started his career in Japan's Ministry of Transport, but subsequently spent 26 years at IMO. His illustrious career included service as Head of the Technology Section, Director of the Marine Environment Division, and Director of Maritime Safety Division. He was elected Secretary-General in 2011 and served as the seventh Secretary-General of IMO from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2015.



A Message from WMU's President

It is my very great privilege to thank the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore for their immense generosity in endowing this ground-breaking Fellowship. My thanks are due equally to Dr Koji Sekimizu, whose marvellous initiative this Fellowship was.

The impact of IMO over the last 60 years is immeasurable. Shipping today is safer, more efficient and more sustainable than could possibly have been imagined before IMO took action, with the support of the world's Governments. At WMU, we pride ourselves on educating generations of

students on the implementation and impact of global shipping instruments adopted by the IMO. However, a large-scale study, as provided for under the WMU-Koji Sekimizu Fellowship has never yet been undertaken, and the published PhD research will, in due course, have a very significant impact on the whole maritime world, linking UNCLOS and other relevant maritime instruments.

And finally, I would very much like to thank those who have already contributed to the Supplementary Fund, which makes possible the necessary travel of the successful candidate. In particular, my thanks go to Mr Gerardo Borrromeo of WMU's Executive Board. Further contributions to the Supplementary Fund are very much needed and I would like to encourage you to play your part in making this wonderful initiative a global success.

Dr Cleopatra Dombia-Henry

A PhD Fellowship on Maritime Governance

Over the last 60 years, IMO has established international regulations and rules for international shipping and in doing so has significantly contributed to creating and maintaining the necessary international legal order for safe, secure, and sustainable shipping. Every aspect of modern life benefits, from the safe and efficient transportation of goods and materials to environmental standards. Shipping is responsible for 80% of world trade and which is essential to economic development.

The scope of the study

Interested applicants are invited to submit a research proposal and study plan of no more than 2,000 words that would include a review and assessment of the role, development and impact of IMO in the field of maritime governance over the past 60 years taking into account the role of relevant United Nations agencies and bodies. The PhD proposal should aim at analysing how competing and complementary international, regional interests have influenced maritime governance; how the shipping industry has interacted with the competent international organizations; the impact of the measures taken and their implementation; and the role and impact of IMO in the adoption and effective implementation of global shipping instruments.

Terms and conditions of the Fellowship

The Fellowship is tenable for a maximum period of three years, starting in 2020. The successful applicant must be resident in Malmö, and carry out their research under the primary supervision of a member of Faculty. Continued registration is subject to satisfactory performance. The Fellowship will cover the tuition fee paid to the University, and provide US\$20,400 per year for a maximum of three years in the form of a stipend to cover living expenses.

Dr Sekimizu will make his advice and knowledge available to the candidate throughout his/her research, in consultation with the PhD Advisory Committee established for this Fellowship holder. The successful candidate will be required to make an annual visit to IMO in London, to observe IMO meetings, use the Library and discuss issues with the IMO Secretariat. The successful candidate will also have full access to the IMO International Maritime Law Institute's maritime law library. Funding for these visits will be provided from the Supplementary Fund to be established for this fellowship.

Application and Selection Process

Candidates are required to apply online for admission to the PhD Programme (<https://www.wmu.se/phd-maritime-affairs>). The applications for admission will be considered by an Admissions Board.

For consideration for this fellowship, applicants should send in addition a single page motivational statement headed The WMU-Koji Sekimizu PhD Fellowship in Maritime Governance.

Candidates who have been academically cleared will then be considered for the award of the Fellowship. The decision will be made on a competitive basis by an Awards Committee, chaired by Dr Sekimizu, and with representatives from the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore and from the University. The Ph.D. Advisory Committee will report to the Awards Committee as the candidate progresses.

Eligibility and Conditions

Applications are particularly encouraged from graduates of the Master's programmes offered by the World Maritime University and the International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI).

Applicants must have a Master's degree completed with a dissertation in a discipline appropriate to the proposed topic of research. Language proficiency in English is essential, and applicants must offer a standard, internationally accepted test (IELTS, TOEFL etc.). Applicants must submit the following documents in connection with their application:

- The online application form
- Ph.D. Research Proposal
- The one-page motivational statement
- Current Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Certified copies of degree certificates and transcripts
- Copy of English language proficiency certification
- Copy of passport (data page, for internal record)

In addition, to complete the application, the applicant must request two referees to each send a letter of reference directly to the Doctoral Office (email phd@wmu.se)

Complete applications for admission, with all attachments and references, must be submitted online by 23:59 CET on 15 September 2019. Incomplete applications will not be considered for this Fellowship. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted by the University.

Further information

Further information regarding the Programme can be obtained through informal communication with the Director of the PhD Programme, Professor Max Mejia (phd@wmu.se).