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PRESS CONFERENCE IN HONOUR OF PROFESSOR KENSAKU NOMOTO

We, the Students of WMI, feel warmly gratified and highly pleased that one of our Professors has been honoured with such a remarkable Award for his contribution towards Maritime Technical Development and ultimate Safety at Sea.

Since 1954 Professor Nomoto has engaged himself in rigorous research into the improvement of the manoeuvrability of vessels. At that time practically little had been done in that field.

During this period many Publications were made in Japan on his findings and for the first time in 1957 his Report was internationally recognised and acclaimed.

With the release of this Report Professor Nomoto's name has become a "household name" in manoeuvrability of ships and its application to ships' design as well as to the automatic control of ship steering.

In recognition of Professor Nomoto's outstanding contribution, the City of GENOA in Italy has honoured him with the Christopher Columbus Award of a Gold Medal and Inscribed Parchment. We would now like to join Professor Nomoto in celebrating this auspicious occasion.

It is also worthy of note to mention that it is in view of his international recognition that Professor Nomoto was invited by the Secretary General of the International Maritime Organisation (I.M.O., London) to assist in setting up the World Maritime University together with other expert Professors.

Professor Nomoto is at present in charge of the subject of Naval Architecture at the WMI.

Attaining such heights in the maritime world must indeed not have been all too "smooth sailing" for Professor Nomoto who finally did arrive safely in port! We hope he will share some of his experiences on the voyage with us here at this Press Conference.

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Professor Kensak Nomoto received the Christopher Columbus Award

Professor Kensak Nomoto, member of the Faculty of the World Maritime University in Malmoe, Sweden, received the Christopher Columbus Award in Genoa, Italy, on 12 October 1984.

This Award is annually issued by the City of Genoa, Italy, to a person, who has contributed to the development of human society by scientific or humanistic achievements in the maritime field.

Professor Nomoto, who was formerly Chairman of the Department of Naval Architecture of the University in Osaka, Japan, has received the Award for his work on the analysis of ship manoeuvrability and its application to ship design and automatic control of ship operation. He worked and published on these subjects between the late 50ies and the early 70ies.

It should be mentioned in this context that Professor Nomoto's mathematical modelling of ship motions has considerably contributed to the development of computer-based shiphandling simulators by which nautical officers and ship masters are trained in the manoeuvring of ships and by which related research can be carried out. Such a simulator is e.g. in operation at the Swedish Ship Research Centre (SSPA) in Gothenburg.

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Background

Kensak Nomoto

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Graduated at the Royal University of Kunshu, specializing in Naval Architecture	1947
Promoted for a Lecturer at Dept of Naval Architecture, the "Royal" University of Osaka (Royal then removed)	1949
Engaged in planning and managing the reconstruction of Ship Model Test Basin at the University of Osaka	1950-1954
Commenced scientific work on dynamical analysis on ship motion.	1953
Promoted for an Associate Professor	1955
Awarded by the Society of Naval Architects of Japan for a series of works on ship manoeuvrability	1956
First publication on the subject to the international community of the field "On steering Qualities of Ships", International Ship-building Progress, August 1957	1957
International Towing Tank Conference, Manoeuvrability Committee Member representing Japan	1966-1975
Promoted for Professor of Ship Motion Theory at the University of Osaka, Japan	1970
Activities in Government and Public Associations: Technical Advisory Works on Ship Technology	1965-1982
Chairman of the Department of Naval Architecture, University of Osaka, Japan	1977-1981
Professor of Naval Architecture, World Maritime University, Malmoe, Sweden	1983