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## To our International Members

### **Announcement of the Establishment of The Japan Society of Naval Architects and Ocean Engineers**

The Society of Naval Architects of Japan (SNAJ)  
The Kansai Society of Naval Architects of Japan (KSNAJ)  
The West Japan Society of Naval Architects (WJSNA)

#### **Scope and Objectives**

In view of the recent broad developments and the strong social needs of ocean science and maritime technology, the consolidation of our naval architects community is of immediate importance so as to exhibit the social identification domestically and internationally. The three domestic societies of naval architects in Japan have negotiated thoroughly and reached the conclusion to unify the societies, The Society of Naval Architects of Japan (SNAJ), The Kansai Society of Naval Architects of Japan (KSNAJ) and The West Japan Society of Naval Architects (WJSNA). The scope of activities of the newly unified society will be,

- To encourage regional activities of science and technology on ship and ocean engineering in Japan,
- To aim at interdisciplinary and international exchanges of maritime science and technology,
- To manage finances efficiently so that to benefit all members of the society.

The new society is named as **The Japan Society of Naval Architects and Ocean Engineers (JASNAOE)** and will operate from April 2005. The new society covers its technical areas including ship performance, strength and structures, marine engineering, production system, marine transportation system, ocean environment, maritime resources, marine exploration, polar engineering and so forth.

#### **Organization and Membership**

JASNAOE consists of a headquarters and geographically divided three branches; i.e. Eastern Chapter including Tokyo area, Kansai Chapter including Osaka area, and Western Chapter including Fukuoka area. The headquarters will locate in Tokyo. The total number of the members is approximately 5,000; 2,400 in Eastern, 1,400 in Kansai, 1,000 in Western Chapters, and 200 in foreign countries, respectively. The individuals who reside or work in the region of a chapter compose the members of the chapter. A present member who belongs to at least one of the societies will continue to be a member of JASNAOE. Members in Japan also belong to one of the chapters. Representatives are elected from each chapter, and the officials of JASNAOE are elected by the general assembly.

#### **Meetings and Publications**

Academic conferences are held twice a year, in spring and autumn. The spring meetings are organized by each chapter and held in three different places, while the autumn meeting is organized by the headquarters. Any member is free to participate any meeting.

The bulletin (in Japanese) is published bi-monthly, and the journal (in Japanese) is published twice a year and distributed to the subscribers. The Journal of Marine Science and Technology (in English) is published quarterly and distributed to the subscribers.

#### **Annual Fee**

Annual fee of an international member will be approximately the same as it is now, and will be informed by June, 2005.