International Northern Sea Route Conference

**JANSROP**

Development and Operation Programme for Environmental Sustainability in East Eurasia

**June 30th & July 1st, 2005**

**Tokyo**

Ocean Policy Research Foundation

(Ship & Ocean Foundation)
Dear Sir or Madam,

Announcement of the International Northern Sea Route (NSR) Conference
“New Era in Far East Russia & Asia”

Since 2002, Ocean Policy Research Foundation has been undertaking JANSROP project, Development and Operation Programme for Environmental Sustainability in East Eurasia, in partnership with research institutes in Russia, Norway, and Canada.

The objective of this project is to discuss (1) transportation systems to connect Japanese industries with natural resources in Far East Russia via the NSR; and (2) how to ensure maritime safety and marine environmental conservation in the Sea of Okhotsk where exploitation of oil and gas is ongoing through the Sakhalin project.

The project has completed JANSROP-GIS (Geographic Information System) which contains data on abundant energy, mineral, forest and marine resources and geographic features in Far East Russia. This compilation of the detailed information is unique in the world.

Also, recognizing the importance of marine environmental conservation, the project has developed the concept of an Environmental Security Regime for the Sea of Okhotsk based on the use of designated Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas (PSSA).

The international conference will present the results of the project to specialists and to the public according to the attached schedule.

The International Experts Meeting on June 30 is designed for researchers and experts in the fields of shipbuilding, logistics, polar research, exploitation of resources and energy, and the Sakhalin project. On that day, technical papers will be presented in English. The International Symposium for Potential Users on July 1 will present the results of the project in Japanese to the interested general public in layman’s terms.

We would be pleased if you would inform as many people as possible about this conference and attend it yourself. We are looking forward to seeing you at the conference.

Note:
The project and the conference are subsidized by The Nippon Foundation with assistance funds derived from proceeds of motorboat racing.
1. Name of the Conference:
International NSR Conference “New Era in Far East Russia & Asia”

2. Brief Schedule:
Day 1: Thursday, June 30, 2005
   10:00-17:10 International Experts Meeting
   (Official Language: English / Number of Seats: about 50)
Day 2: Friday, July 1, 2005
   13:30-18:15 International Symposium for Potential Users
   (Simultaneous Interpretation Available / Number of Seats: about 250)
   18:30-20:00 Reception

3. Venue:
Hotel Kaiyo
2-27-7 Hyakunin-cho, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo (In front of JR Ohkubo station)
Tel: 03-3368-1121

4. Program:
See attached (this program is subject to change).

5. Cooperating Institutions/Agencies (tentative):
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, Japan
Ministry of the Environment, Japan
Japan Coast Guard, Japan
Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, Japan
The Nippon Foundation, Japan
Embassy of the Russian Federation in Japan
Royal Norwegian Embassy in Japan
Canadian Embassy in Japan

6. Application Fee:
Free

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Program of International NSR Conference
“New Era in Far East Russia & Asia”

Day 1: June 30, 2005
International Experts Meeting (IEM)
10:00 – 10:15 Opening Speech by OPRF
10:15 – 12:30 IEM1 Natural and Biological Resources and JANSROP-GIS
  Chaired by: Prof. Hajime Yamaguchi (University of Tokyo, Japan) and Dr. Gennady Semanov
  (Central Marine Research & Design Institute – CNIIMF, Russia)
  10:15 – 10:45 IEM1-1 Oil & Gas Resource of the Far East of Russia
  Dr. Yury Grigorenko (All-Russia Petroleum Research Geological Exploration Institute –
  VNIGRI, Russia)
  10:45 – 11:15 IEM1-2 Coal, Forest and Other Peculiar Resources in Russian Far-East
  Dr. Gennady Serebryansky (Far-Eastern Marine Research, Design and Technology
  Institute – FEMRI, Russia)
  11:15 – 11:45 IEM1-3 Marine Products of the Sea of Okhotsk
  Dr. Natsuhiko Otsuka (North Japan Port Consultant Corp., Japan)
  11:45 – 12:15 IEM1-4 Natural Resources in Russian Far-East: JANSROP-GIS
  Dr. Kazuhiko Kamesaki (Universal Shipbuilding Co., Japan)
  12:15 – 12:30 Discussion and Summary
12:30 – 13:30 Lunch
13:30 – 14:50 IEM2 NSR and Regional Transport Systems in Far-East Russia-Asia: the Prospect
  Chaired by: Dr. Natsuhiko Otsuka and Dr. Vsevolod Peresypkin (CNIIMF, Russia)
  13:30 – 13:50 IEM2-1 Canadian Experience in Development and Transport of Natural Resources in the
  Canadian Arctic
  Dr. Victor Santos-Pedro (Transport Canada, Canada)
  13:50 – 14:10 IEM2-2 Prospective of Transport Systems in Far-East Russia
  Dr. Yaroslav Semenikhin (FEMRI, Russia)
  14:10 – 14:30 IEM2-3 Further Development of the NSR in the Next Decade(s)
  Dr. Vsevolod Peresypkin
  14:30 – 14:50 Discussion and Summary
14:50 – 15:10 Coffee Break
15:10 – 16:50 IEM3 Proposal on Conceptual Design of the Okhotsk Regime
  Chaired by: Dr. Koh Izumiya (National Maritime Research Institute – NMRI, Japan) and Dr.
  Peter Johan Schei (The Fridtjof Nansen Institute – FNI, Norway)
  15:10 – 15:30 IEM3-1 Russian Proposal
  Dr. Vladimir Vasilyev (CNIIMF, Russia)
  15:30 – 15:50 IEM3-2 Canada's Experience with the Arctic Shipping Regime System
  Dr. Victor Santos-Pedro
  15:50 – 16:10 IEM3-3 Norwegian Suggestions
  Dr. Peter Johan Schei
  16:10 – 16:30 IEM3-4 Japan Proposal
  Dr. Koh Izumiya
  16:30 – 16:50 Discussion and Summary
16:50 – 17:00 IEM4 Concluding Comments
  Dr. Hiromitsu Kitagawa (former professor of Hokkaido University, Japan)
17:00 – 17:10 Closing Speech by OPRF(SOF)
Day 2: July 1, 2005

International Symposium for Potential Users (IS)

13:30 – 13:40 Opening Remarks by OPRF(SOF)
13:40 – 13:50 Welcoming Address by Guest of Honor
   Mr. Yohei Sasakawa (President of The Nippon Foundation, Japan)
13:50 – 14:00 Greeting Speeches by Guests of Honor
   Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Japan
   Ambassador of Norway to Japan
14:00 – 14:25 Keynote Speech “The Changing Pattern of Utilization of the Arctic”
   Prof. Willy Østreng (Centre for Advanced Study at the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, Norway)
14:25 – 15:05 IS1 Overview of JANSROP-II
   14:25 – 14:30 IS1-1 Project Overview
   Dr. Hiromitsu Kitagawa (former professor of Hokkaido University, Japan)
   14:30 – 14:45 IS1-2 Natural Environment of Far East Russia and Sea of Okhotsk
   Prof. Masaaki Wakatsuchi (Hokkaido University, Japan)
   14:45 – 15:05 IS1-3 Natural Resources in Far East Russia: JANSROP-GIS
   Dr. Kazuhiko Kamesaki (Universal Shipbuilding Corp., Japan)
15:05 – 15:20 Coffee Break

15:20 – 16:55 IS2 From Different Perspectives: Natural Resources and Transportation System in Far East Russia and Asia, and NSR
   Chaired by: Dr. Kazuhiko Kamesaki
   15:20 – 15:35 IS2-1 Perspective of Japanese Market
   Mr. Yuichiro Ishikawa (Marubeni Corp., Japan)
   15:35 – 15:55 IS2-2 Perspective of Korean Market
   Prof. Young Seok Ha (Keimyung University, South Korea)
   15:55 – 16:15 IS2-3 Future of NSR
   Dr. Vsevolod Peresypkin (Central Marine Research & Design Institute – CNIIMF, Russia)
   16:15 – 16:35 IS2-4 Future Marine Access in the Arctic Ocean
   Dr. Lawson W. Brigham (U.S. Arctic Research Commission, U.S.A.)
   16:35 – 16:55 IS2-5 Development of Transportation Route in Far East Russia
   Mr. Vladimir Chlenov (Minister of Transport of Sakha Republic, Russia)

16:55 – 18:05 IS3 Marine Environment Conservation in Sub-arctic Regions
   16:55 – 17:15 IS3-1 Developments in the Barents Sea and EU waters
   Dr. Peter Johan Schei (The Fridtjof Nansen Institute – FNI, Norway)
   17:15 – 17:35 IS3-2 Canada’s One Ocean Concept
   Dr. Victor Santos-Pedro (Transport Canada, Canada)
   17:35 – 17:55 IS3-3 Oceanic Environmental Protection in Russia
   Dr. Gennady Semanov (CNIIMF, Russia)
   17:55 – 18:05 IS3-4 Proposal on an Okhotsk Regime/Outcome of the Meetings
   Dr. Hiromitsu Kitagawa

18:05 – 18:15 Closing Statement by OPRF

18:30 – 20:00 Reception

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