

Tokyo Consultations

The Commission held consultations with Japanese industry in Tokyo 9-10 August.

The Commissioners met with representatives of Class, unions, professional associations and other bodies with an interest in seafaring in general and labour supply in particular.

Topics covered included the stability of labour supply, particularly the aging of the workforce and welfare issues; training and education; contractual relationships between employers and employees and associated issues.

The role of Class, particularly the operation of the Transfer of Class agreements, the need for uniform application of standards, Flag/Class relationships and the need for transparency were discussed in detail.

These consultations concluded Phase 1 of the ICONS project, the Commissioners are scheduled to reconvene in Vancouver, Canada on 5 September for the start of the Americas tour.