

Remarks by H.E. Mr. HAYASHI Hajime,
Ambassador of Japan to the UK and
Permanent Representative of Japan to the IMO
at the IMO Assembly, on 1st December 2023

Thank you, President.

Excellencies, Secretary-General Mr Lim and distinguished delegates to the Assembly of the IMO,

I would like to be short and punctual to present Japan's candidacy to the Council member of the IMO under Category "A", in the upcoming term of 2024 and 2025.

Japan has been a part of the IMO since its establishment in 1958, having served on the Council throughout that time. As an island country intimately connected with the ocean, Japan has been playing a prominent part in a variety of respects of the IMO.

We have submitted various documents underpinning a range of safety and environmental measures developed by the IMO. Japan has been serving as the Chair and Coordinator of several Working Groups, Drafting Groups and Correspondence Groups. Furthermore, our contribution extends to human resource developments for the future, such as the scholarships by the Nippon Foundation to the World Maritime University for 36 years.

I would like to emphasise that Japan reaffirms its strong commitment to the IMO and to the future of the oceanic and maritime affairs. As a Council member of the IMO under category "A", Japan will build on all those efforts it has been making and will further enhance its contribution to the activities of the IMO.

Thank you very much indeed.