

March 6, 2008

The Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology

JAMSTEC Holds an Event to Mark 10th Anniversary of the Oceanographic Vessel MIRAI and the Deep Sea Research Vessel KAIREI

The Oceanographic Research Vessel MIRAI and the Deep Sea Research Vessel KAIREI have been in service for 10 years. To appreciate these vessels' 10 years of works, the Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC; Yasuhiro Kato, President) will hold an anniversary symposium and an open house, in which our research results will be introduced widely to public people.

[Anniversary Symposium]

Date and time: March 29, 2008, 10:00-15:00,

Venue: Nisseki Yokohama Hall(1-1-8, Sakuragicho, Naka Ward,

Yokoyama City)

Theme: "From Arctic Ocean to Mariana Ridge -10 years of continuous

challenges-

Contents: Please see Appendix-2 Pre-registration and admission:

Admission is free. Pre-registration is needed as described below.

< Registration >

1) Through e-mail:

Send your name, address and telephone number to pr@jamstec.go.jp through an e-mail marking with "MIRAI/KAIREI 10th anniversary symposium" in the subject line.

2) Through post-card:

Send your name, address and telephone number by a double postal card to the following address, with return name and address on it.

"MIRAI/KAIREI 10th anniversary symposium"
The Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology 3173-25 Showa-machi, Kanazawa-ku, Yokohama City, Kanagawa Prefecture 236-0001

- * One postcard for one person.
- * Registrations need to be done by Tuesday, March 25 on a first-come-first-served basis. We may close registrations before the deadline if it is oversubscribed.

Host: The Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology

Sponsor: The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology,

The Japan Coast Guard, Kanagawa Prefecture, Yokohama City

[Open House]

Date and time: March 30, 2008, 10:00~16:30 (16:00 end of registration) Venue: No.5 and No.8 Berth, Yokohama Shinko Pier, Port of Yokohama

Theme: "Let's Board Research Vessels in Minato Mirai!" Ships: The Oceanographic Research Vessel MIRAI

The Dee-sea Research Vessel KAIREI

Admission and pre-registration:

Not necessary

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Technology, The Japan Coast Guard, Kanagawa Prefecture,

Yokohama City

Please note the followings:

The event may be cancelled due to the bad weather or other factors. People who wear high-heel shoes or sandals, under the influence of alcohol are not allowed since some parts of the floor are not even and dangerous on the ship. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Details of this event is available on the web site (in Japanese):

http://www.jamstec.go.jp/j/pr/ship/20080329-30 yokohama/index.html

Appendix-1

Anniversary Symposium Direction to the Nisseki Hall



4 minutes walk from Sakuragicho Station of JR Line/ Yokohama Municipal Subway Line

Open House Direction to the Yokohama Shinko



8 minutes walk from Bashamichi Station of Minato Mirai Line or 15 minutes walk from Sakuragicho Station of JR Line/ Yokohama Municipal Subway Line.

Appendix-2

From Arctic Ocean to Mariana Ridge -10 years of continuous challenges-10th anniversary symposium of MIRAI and KAIREI

Featured speeches and speakers

(10:00-15:00, March 29, 2008 Nisseki Yokohama Hall)

Part 1

"10 major accomplishments of MIRAI"

Takatoshi Takizawa

(Director, Marine-Earth Data and Information Department, JAMSTEC)

"Global Hydrography"

Masao Fukasawa

(Director-General, Institute of Observational Research for Global Change, JAMSTEC)

"10 major scientific results of KAIREI"

Kantaro Fujioka

(Principal Scientist, Marine-Earth Data and Information Department, JAMSTEC)

"Contributions to research for extending Continental Shelf and on Mega-thrust seismogenic zone"

Yoshiyuki Kaneda

(Director, Department of Ocean-floor Network System Development for Earthquakes and Tsunamis, JAMSTEC)

Part 2

"History of MIRAI and KAIREI"

Toshio Tsuchiya

(Counselor of Information Infrastructure, JAMSTEC)

"10 years of MIRAI"

Masaharu Akamine

(Captain of MIRAI, Global Ocean Development Co., Ltd)

"10 years of KAIREI"

Osamu Yukawa

(Nippon Marine Enterprises, Ltd)

"Future marine research vessel"

Keisuke Taira

(Vice-president, University of the Ryukyus)

Keynote Speech "Marine Research -past -present- future-"

Shigeru Kato

(Director, Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department, Japan Coast Guard)

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