



May 27, 2008

Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology

Public Open of Manned Research Submersible "SHINKAI 6500" and Support Vessel "YOKOSUKA" At Port of Ominato

The Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC: Yasuhiro Kato, President) will open the Manned Research Submersible "SHINKAI 6500" and its support vessel "YOKOSUKA" to the public at the Odaira Pier, Port of Ominato in Mutsu City, Aomori Prefecture.

On the day before, the active pilot of the "SHINKAI 6500" will share his experiences. And also, marvelous achievements brought about by the deep-sea research utilizing "SHINKAI 6500" will be introduced.

Commemorative Speech

Date and time: June 14, 2008 13:30-15:00

Venue: Mutsu Kasamai Kan (10-1, Tanabu-cho, Mutsu City)
10 minutes by car from Shimokita Station, JR Ominato Line

Theme: "Let's take a look at the world of deep-sea, the small cosmos under the sea"

Speeches: "The world that submersible pilot had seen" by Yosuke Chida, the pilot of "SHINKAI 6500"
"From the window of the deep-sea" by Hajimu Kinoshita, the former executive officer of JAMSTEC

Admission: Pre-registration and admission fees are not required

Host: Mutsu City

Co-host: Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology

Open House

Date and time: June 15, 2008
9:30-10:00 Opening Ceremony
10:00-16:00 (15:30:end of registration)
Open House

Venue: Odaira Pier, Port of Ominato, Mutsu City,
Aomori Prefecture(in front of Kokusetsu
Dome)
5 minutes by car from Shimokita Station,
JR Ominato Line

Open Facilities: [Manned Research Submersible "SHINAKI
6500"](#)
[Support Vessel "YOKOSUKA"](#)

Admission: Pre-registration and admission fees are
not required

Host: Mutsu City

Co-host: Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science
and Technology

General notes:

- 1) The event may be cancelled due to the bad weather or other factors.
- 2) For safety reasons, people wearing high-heels or sandals, under the influence of alcohol are not allowed, since the floors are not even and slippery inside of the ship.
- 3) Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Contacts:

(For the public open and speeches)

Mr. Shozo Tashiro, e-mail: pr@jamstec.go.jp

Manager, Public Relations Division

Marine-Earth Data and Information Department, JAMSTEC

Mr. Masayuki Watanabe

Manager, General Affairs Division,

Mutsu Institute for Oceanography (MIO), JAMSTEC

Mr. Michirou Itoh

Manager, Planning Department, Mutsu City

(For Publication)

Mr. Noriyuki Murata, e-mail: press@jamstec.go.jp

Manager, Planning Department Press Office, JAMSTEC