

PRESS RELEASE

Sea Japan 2026 opens on April 22 at Tokyo Big Sight An opening ceremony will be held on the first day.

Informa Markets Japan Co., Ltd. will hold the international maritime exhibition "Sea Japan 2026" at Tokyo Big Sight exhibition center from 22-24 April.

We will now provide details about the opening ceremony, which will be held on the morning of the first day of the event.

General Information

Show Name: Sea Japan 2026

Co-located Event: Offshore & Port Tech, Digital Solution Square

Dates: 22-24 April 2026

Venue: Tokyo Big Sight Exhibition Center West Halls 1, 2, 3, 4, Atrium

Organiser: Informa Markets Japan Co., Ltd.

Special Supporter: The Nippon Foundation

Supporters: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, The Japanese Shipowners' Association, Japan Federation of Coastal Shipping Associations, Japan Long Course Ferry Service Association, Japan Passengerboat Association, The Shipbuilders' Association of Japan, The Cooperative Association of Japan Shipbuilders, The Japan Shipping Exchange, Inc., Japan Ship Exporters' Association, Nippon Kaiji Kyokai(ClassNK), Japan Ship Machinery and Equipment Association, Japan External Trade Organization(JETRO), Japan Railway Construction, Transport and Technology Agency(JRRTT), National Maritime Research Institute(NMRI), Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC), Japan Ship Technology Research Association, Shipbuilding Research Centre of Japan, The Japan Society of Naval Architects and Ocean Engineers, The Japan Workvessel Association, The Ports & Harbours Association of Japan, Engineering Advancement Association of Japan, Promotion and Research Institute for Ocean Economics, Ocean Mining Industry Promotion Roundtable, Japan Association of Cargo-handling Systems

[Opening Ceremony / International Maritime Seminar]

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 22, 2026, 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Venue: Conference Tower 1F, Reception Hall

-Opening Ceremony

1. Opening Remarks

- Representative of the Organiser: Christopher Eve, Managing Director, Informa Markets Japan Co., Ltd.
- Representative of the Guests of Honor: Mr. Yasuyuki Sakai, State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

2. Introduction of Guests of Honor

- Mr. Yasuyuki Sakai, State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism
- His Excellency George Glass, U.S. Ambassador to Japan
- Mr. Mitsuyuki Unno, Executive Director, The Nippon Foundation
- Mr. Masanori Kato, Executive Vice President, Japan Shipowners' Association
- Mr. Hiroyoshi Kuribayashi, Chairman, Japan Federation of Coastal Shipping Associations
- Mr. Yasuo Iritani, Chairman, Japan Long Course Ferry Service Association
- Mr. Takuji Kato, Chairman, Japan Passengerboat Association
- Mr. Yukito Higaki, Chairman, The Shipbuilders' Association of Japan
- Mr. Keiji Tanaka, Chairman, The Cooperative Association of Japan Shipbuilders
- Mr. Kenichi Miki, President, The Japan Shipping Exchange, Inc.
- Mr. Yoshinori Kanehana, President, Japan Ship Exporters' Association
- Mr. Hayato Suga, President & CEO, Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (ClassNK)
- Mr. Kazuhiko Kinoshita, Chairman, Japan Ship Machinery and Equipment Association
- Kozo Fujita, President, Japan Railway Construction, Transport and Technology Agency (JRRT)
- Koichi Hirata, Director General, National Maritime Research Institute (NMRI)
- Seiichi Tanaka, Chairman, Japan Ship Technology Research Association
- Masahiro Uezono, Chairman, Shipbuilding Research Centre of Japan
- Hideyuki Suzuki, President, The Japan Society of Naval Architects and Ocean Engineers
- Tomohiko Kawamura, President, Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC)
- Takashi Owaki, President, The Ports & Harbours Association of Japan
- Yoichi Maeno, Senior Executive Director, Engineering Advancement Association of Japan
- Nobuaki Aoyama, Vice Chairman, Promotion and Research Institute for Ocean Economics and Chairman of Ocean Mining Industry Promotion Roundtable
- Tetsuya Shiraishi, Senior Executive Director, Japan Association of Cargo-handling Systems

3. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

-International Maritime Seminar

- His Excellency George Glass, U.S. Ambassador to Japan
- Mr. Dana A. Beyeler, Senior Vice President, ELLWOOD Group, Inc.
Director, American Shipbuilding Suppliers Association

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