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Japan and U.S. Further Enhance Shipbuilding Human Resource Development

--- Yokohama National University and San Diego State University Signed MOU---

Japan and the United States are currently working together to strengthen both countries' shipbuilding industry, including through expansion of shipbuilding capacities, human resource development and technological innovation*.

In this context, Yokohama National University and San Diego State University signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Shipbuilding and Marine Engineering on November 15, in San Diego, aiming to accelerate their joint initiatives to develop the next generation of professionals leading the shipbuilding industry in both countries.

*On October 28, 2025, Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Kaneko (at the time) and the U.S. Secretary of Commerce Lutnick signed the "Memorandum of Cooperation regarding Shipbuilding"

About the MOU

Areas of cooperation:

Joint development of innovative shipbuilding technology and industry-academia collaboration projects, policy recommendations to strengthen maritime industries, and faculties/students exchange programs

Signed by:

Yokohama National University (YNU)	MITSUYUKI Taiga, Director, Shipbuilding and Ocean Renaissance International Centre
San Diego State University (SDSU)	Adela de la TORRE, President Patrick KWON, Chair, Department of Mechanical Engineering

Signing ceremony (November 15, in SDSU):

The signing ceremony was attended by representatives from the industries, academia, and governments from both Japan and the U.S. From MLIT, Shin Imai, Assistant Vice Minister and Deputy Director-General of Maritime Bureau, expressed that this MOU would serve as a catalyst for mutual exchange and understanding among shipbuilding professionals and lead to the further development of the industries in both countries.





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