

One-day seminar organised by the Japanese CIMAC NMA (JICEF) – short report

Roughly 120 persons, including ship-owners, engine builders, oil companies, shipyards and government officials of Japan and the city of Tokyo, attended the JICEF seminar on **"INCREASING DEMAND TO LOW SULPHUR FUEL"** in Tokyo on March 8, 2005.

In his keynote speech Mr. R. Meech expressed the view that IMO's SECA (SOx Emission Control Area) will expand in world wide bases. He anticipated that the area of North America, Canada and Mexico will soon join SECA. He also suggested that the price of low sulphur fuel will increase up to +50\$US/MT if the demand is at a high level.

Mr. D. Gregory of BP introduced their experience of sea water scrubbing. He also suggested that the scrubbing will be one of the alternative measures to reduce SOx.

Mr. T., Tanaka of JSMEA reported the outcome of DE48 on the "Exhaust Gas Cleaning System-SOx" guideline. The new criteria of evaluating SOx level by $SOx(ppm)/CO_2(\%)=65$ was proposed. The guideline will be finalized at MEPC53 in July 2005.

Many other interesting items were presented and discussed.



Keynote speech by Mr. R. Meech, Marine and Energy consulting



Coffee break during the seminar