



PROGRAMME

FONASBA Annual General Meeting 2026

Tokyo, Japan · 11–15 October 2026

Venue Grand Nikko Tokyo Daiba, 2-6-1 Daiba, Minato-ku, Tokyo

Host JAFSA – Japan Association of Foreign-Trade Ship Agencies

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun 11	Welcome Reception Incontro restaurant, 2nd floor · 18:00
Mon 12	Annual Meeting – Day 1 Panels, YABA 2026, Fireside Chat, ITIC Workshop, Traditional Dinner
Tue 13	Annual Meeting – Day 2 Keynote Address, presentations and four panel discussions
Wed 14	Annual Meeting – Day 3 Host Country Seminars, Council Meeting, Gala Dinner · 18:30
Thu 15	Optional Excursion 1Day Sightseeing Tour of the Fuji-Hakone Area (Partners Programme)

SUNDAY, 11 OCTOBER

18:00	SOCIAL Welcome Reception Venue Incontro restaurant, Grand Nikko Tokyo Daiba, 2nd Floor
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ANNUAL MEETING · DAY 1

Monday, 12 October

Etoile conference room, Floor B1 · Grand Nikko Tokyo Daiba

MORNING SESSION

09:30

Opening Remarks

Speakers Fulvio Carlini, FONASBA President · Mr. Takazo Iigaki, RVP Asia

10:00

PANEL DISCUSSION

Maritime Corridors: Insights from Our Members

Moderator Fulvio Carlini, FONASBA President

Speakers Salah Al Hashmi (UAE) · Waleed Badr (Egypt) · Mostafa Benhima (Morocco) · Henryk Drowniak (Türkiye) · Marcelo Neri (Americas RVP) · Therry van Vreden (Asia Deputy VP)

10:50

Coffee Break

11:10

OPENING REMARKS

Shipbroking Committee

Speaker Bahadır Tonguc, Shipbroking Committee Chair

11:30

PANEL DISCUSSION

Shipbroking Across East and West: Lessons from Asia

Moderator Bahadır Tonguc

Speakers Wei Zhuang (BIMCO) · Mathias Wideroth (Swedish Shipbrokers Association) · Kohei Sakai (Ships 21 Co., Ltd.) · Hideaki Katani (Banchero Costa) · Kate Torpey (USA)

12:20

Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

14:00

OPENING REMARKS

Education and Quality Committee

Speaker Antonios Venieris, Education and Quality Committee Chair

14:15

PRESENTATION

YABA 2026 Presentation

14:45

FIRESIDE CHAT

Yoni Essakow (Israel) interviews Lakhbir Singh (Singapore Shipping Association)

15:15

Coffee Break

15:45

WORKSHOP

ITIC Workshop

EVENING

18:00

SOCIAL

Traditional Dinner and After Dinner Night Tour

Venue Sushizanmai Okunoin, 4-5-12 Tsukiji, Chuo-ku, Tokyo

Transport Bus transport to and from the hotel

PARTNERS PROGRAMME

1Day Tokyo Tour (English-speaking guide): Edo-Tokyo Museum, Ginza area, Hama-Rikyu Gardens, with lunch.



ANNUAL MEETING · DAY 2

Tuesday, 13 October

Etoile conference room, Floor B1 · Grand Nikko Tokyo Daiba

MORNING SESSION

09:30	OPENING REMARKS ECASBA Speaker Raymond Troch, Europe RVP and ECASBA Chair
09:45	KEYNOTE ADDRESS Sakura Kuma Executive Officer of MOL, Managing Director of MOL (Asia Oceania) and President of WISTA Japan
10:10	PANEL DISCUSSION Shipping and Logistics: A Marriage Made in Heaven Moderator Raymond Troch, Europe RVP and ECASBA Chair Speakers Sakura Kuma (MOL · WISTA Japan) · Javier Dulce (Argentina) · Zak Urassa (Tanzania) · Barbara Carabetti (Italy) · Andrew Dobson (UK)
11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:30	PRESENTATION Overview from the Italian Coast Guard Speaker Admiral Sergio Liardo, Commander General of the Port Authority Corps – Italian Coast Guard
11:50	PANEL DISCUSSION European Resilience: Local Solutions for Regional Challenges Moderator Jacek Tyminski (Poland) Speakers Stefan Stanoykov (Bulgaria) · Olivier Cebe (France) · Alexander Geisler (Germany) · Dimitris Kouzapaz (Cyprus)
12:40	<i>Lunch</i>

AFTERNOON SESSION

14:00	PRESENTATION EU-Japan Industrial Cooperation Speaker Mr. Yasuo Tanabe, EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation
14:20	EDUCATION & QUALITY PANEL DISCUSSION From Competence to Confidence: Talent, Training & Trust in a Disrupted World Moderator Akanksha Batura Pai Speakers Lakhbir Singh (Singapore) · Dureid Mahasneh (Jordan) · Antonio Belmar (Portugal) · Ahmed Mouselhy (Egypt) · Ricardo von Sohsten (Brazil)
15:10	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15:40	PANEL DISCUSSION The Future of the Ship Agent Moderator Therry van Vreden, Deputy VP Asia Speakers Julio Delfino (Argentina) · Akanksha Batura Pai (Singapore) · Mohamed El Mezouar (Morocco) · Marko Tak (Netherlands)
16:30	CLOSING REMARKS Agency Committee Speaker Julio Delfino (Argentina), Chair Agency Committee



ANNUAL MEETING · DAY 3

Wednesday, 14 October

Etoile conference room, Floor B1 · Grand Nikko Tokyo Daiba

MORNING SESSION

09:30

HOST COUNTRY SEMINAR

Edo → TOKYO

Speaker Mr. Hisaaki Masuda (JAFSA)

Before & After the Vessel: Japan's Hidden Intermodal Story

One Pallet. One Container. Many Modes.

Speaker Mr. Takahiro Arima (JAFSA)

10:30

Coffee Break

11:00

HOST COUNTRY SEMINAR

Japanese Culture

Speaker Mr. Gentaro Hara (NYK Line)

Latest Trends in Container Shipping

Speaker Mr. Hideki Hara (Japan Government)

12:30

Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

14:00

Council Meeting

EVENING

18:30

SOCIAL

Gala Dinner

Venue Ginga Hall, Grand Nikko Hotel, 29th floor, 2-6-1 Daiba, Minato-ku, Tokyo

PARTNERS PROGRAMME

1day Cultural Experience Tour in Tokyo (English-speaking guide): Kimono Dressing Experience, Tea ceremony Experience, Asakusa, with lunch.

THURSDAY, 15 OCTOBER

OPTIONAL EXCURSION · PARTNERS PROGRAMME

1Day Sightseeing Tour of the Fuji-Hakone Area

Highlights Owaku Valley · Hakone-Checkpoint · Lake Ashi Cruise · Mt. Komagatake Ropeway · with lunch

Guide English-speaking guide

Please note: this is a tentative programme and timings/session details may be subject to change.