

## **Campaign for the Prevention of Accidents in Japanese Waters for Passing through a Narrow Channel or Traffic Congested Waters (since April 1st, 2008)**

**On 5th March 2008, a very serious accident occurred in Akashi Kaikyo where three vessels collided, resulting in one sunken ship, three dead Philippine crewmen and one missing.**

**There is a high collision risk in Akashi Kaikyo which is a strategic point of maritime transportation system as well as one of Japan's busiest area of inland sea with fast tidal current and more than 800 vessels passing in a day, because of linking major cities in western Japan with the Pacific Ocean.**

**For navigational safety to pass through such a narrow channel or seaborne traffic congested area as Akashi Kaikyo in Japanese waters, please check the following items in order to prevent the serious accident by collision mentioned above.**

- Is your lookout properly directed to know what to look and listen for ?**
- Does the captain command all the time on the bridge?**
- Can you change over from Autopilot to manual steering immediately?**
- Do you always pay attention to the information of Navtex and VHF radio?**
- Do you keep a careful watch on VHF CH16 to obtain necessary information on safe navigation?**
- Are you aware of Navigation Rule of Akashi Kaikyo?**
- Do you secure all the information which receive from your local agents?**
- Do you check the information transmitted by AIS, not only from some other ships but also from your ship?**

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# Double Collision at AKASHI Kaikyo

