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## **Election to fill a vacancy on the Legal and Technical Commission in accordance with part XI, section 4, subsection C, article 163, paragraph 7, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea**

### **Note by the Secretary-General**

1. The Council is invited to note that Yoshiaki Igarashi (Japan), member of the Legal and Technical Commission, has resigned. Mr. Yoshiaki was elected a member of the Commission on 14 August 2006 (see ISBA/12/C/11), for a term of five years beginning 1 January 2007.
2. In accordance with article 163, paragraph 7, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and rule 80, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the Council of the International Seabed Authority, in the event of the death, incapacity or resignation of a member of the Commission prior to the expiration of his or her term of office, the Council shall elect for the remainder of the term a member from the same geographical region or area of interest.
3. Article 163, paragraph 3, of the Convention and rule 81 of the rules of procedure of the Council provide that members of the Commission shall have appropriate qualifications in the area of competence of the Commission, and States parties shall nominate candidates of the highest standards of competence and integrity with qualifications in the relevant fields so as to ensure the effective exercise of the functions of the Commission.
4. By a letter dated 24 April 2009, the Embassy of Japan in Kingston, Jamaica, informed the secretariat of the Authority of the nomination of Nobuyuki Okamoto, Project Director, Deep-sea Mineral Exploration and Technology Division, Metals Technology Department at Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation, as a candidate to fill the vacant seat on the Commission. The curriculum vitae of Mr. Okamoto appears in the annex to the present document.

## Annex

### Curriculum vitae<sup>a</sup>

#### Nobuyuki Okamoto

##### Personal

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##### Education

1985 Bachelor of Science in Geology  
Shimane University, Shimane, Japan

##### Professional experience

April 1985-April 1990	Joined the Metal Mining Agency of Japan (MMAJ) Mineral Exploration Technological Development Division, Technical Development Department
May 1990-May 1992	Natural Resources Development Study Division, Industrial & Mining Development Study Department, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
May 1992-March 1994	Technical Cooperation Division, Oversea Activities Department
March 1994-May 1996	Resources Research Department, Deep Ocean Resources Development Co. Ltd. (DORD)

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June 1996-April 1998	Deputy Project Manager for Manganese Nodule Mining System programme, Agency of Industrial Science and Technology, Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI)
April 1998-September 2001	Deputy Director, Mineral Exploration Technological Development Division, Technical Development Department, MMAJ
September 2001-September 2003	Offshore Minerals Environmental Geologist, South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC) in Fiji as JICA Expert
September 2003-February 2004	Deputy Director, Mineral Exploration Technological Development Division, Technical Development Department, MMAJ
February 2004	Established Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation (JOGMEC)
February 2004-June 2006	Deputy Director, Deep-sea Mineral Exploration & Technology Division, Metals Technology Department, JOGMEC
July 2006-present	Project Director, Deep-sea Mineral Exploration & Technology Division, Metals Technology Department, JOGMEC

#### **Memberships/associations**

The Society of Resource Geology (Japan), Councillor

The Mining and Materials Processing Institute of Japan

International Marine Minerals Society (IMMS)

#### **International meetings/conferences attended (selection)**

1995	Speaker and participant, the First (1995) ISOPE Ocean Mining Symposium, Tsukuba, Japan
2001	Staff, 29th Annual Session, SOPAC Governing Council, Majuro, Marshall Islands
2002	Speaker and Staff, 30th Annual Session, SOPAC Governing Council, Suva, Fiji
2002	Speaker and participant, 33rd Underwater Mining Institute Annual Meeting (UMI2002), Wellington, New Zealand
2003	SOPAC delegation, International Seabed Authority Scientists Meeting for Geological Model, Kingston, Jamaica
2004	Head of Japanese delegation, 33rd Annual Session, SOPAC Governing Council, Suva, Fiji

- 2005 Head of Japanese delegation and speaker, 34th Annual Session, SOPAC Governing Council, Apia, Samoa
- 2006 Speaker and participant, 36th Underwater Mining Institute Annual Meeting (UMI2006), Kiel, Germany
- 2007 Technical Programme Co-Chairs and Hosts, 37th Underwater Mining Institute Annual Meeting (UMI2007), Tokyo, Japan
- 2008 Participant, 38th Underwater Mining Institute Annual Meeting (UMI2008), Mississippi, United States of America

### **Main publications**

“Resource Potential of Hydrothermal Activities on the East Pacific Rise (8°N-14°N)”, Proceedings of the First (1995) ISOPE Ocean Mining Symposium, Tsukuba, Japan, 21-22 November, pp. 139-147, 1995.

“Preliminary Cruise Report on the Japan/SOPAC Deep-sea Cooperative Mineral Resources Study Programme, R/V Hakurei-Marun No. 2, Marshall Islands”, SOPAC preliminary report 152, 2002.

“Summary of the Japan/SOPAC Deep-sea Mineral Resources Research Programme, Triple Junction in North Fiji Basin, Hakurei-Marun No. 2 Cruise, Fiji” (Confidential), SOPAC technical report 355, 2002.

“Japan/SOPAC Deep-sea Mineral Resources Study Programme — Stage II (2000- )”, Abstract of presentation at the STAR session 2002, SOPAC miscellaneous report 487, pp. 48-49, 2002.

“The review of results of the R/V Hakurei-Marun No. 2 Cruise on the Japan/SOPAC Cooperative Deep-sea Mineral Resources Study Programme, 2000-2002 — Focus on the results of marine short drilling around the Triple Junction in the North Fiji Basin during the 2001 survey cruise”, 33rd Underwater Mining Institute Annual Meeting, 13-18 November, Wellington, New Zealand, 2002.

“Summary report on the results of Phase 1 (2000-2002) of Stage II of the Japan/SOPAC Cooperative Deep-sea Mineral Resources Study Programme with Future Initiatives of the Programme from 2003 to 2005”, Abstract of presentation at the STAR session 2003, SOPAC miscellaneous report 549, p. 42, 2003.

“Current activities of exploration and metallurgical technology for cobalt-rich ferromanganese crusts”, Proceedings of the Mining and Materials Processing Institute of Japan, 2004 (in Japanese).

“Deep-sea mineral potential in the South Pacific region: Review of the Japan/SOPAC Deep-sea Mineral Resources Study Programme”, *Occasional Papers*, No. 41, Kagoshima University Research Centre for the Pacific Islands, pp. 21-30, 2005.

“Japan-SOPAC Cooperative Deep-sea Mineral Resources Study Programme: summary of the programme”, abstract of presentation at the STAR session 2005, SOPAC miscellaneous report 603, pp. 50-51, 2005.

“Deep-Sea Mineral Potential in the South Pacific Waters: results of the 21-year long-term Japan/SOPAC Cooperative Deep-Sea Mineral Resources Study Programme, 1985-2005”, 36th Underwater Mining Institute Annual Meeting, 24-30 September, Kiel, Germany, 2006.