

NEWS FROM PIANC JAPAN -August 2026-

MLIT Japan commends MarCom WGs' Members

On 6 August 2026, two members of PIANC MarCom Working Group 205 and 243 were awarded "Director-General's Award for International Contribution Activities" by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), Japan.

The award was established in April 2026 by the Ports and Harbours Bureau of MLIT, honouring engineers who have made significant contributions to the development of guidelines and standards through their works in international organizations.

The 2026 Awardees are:

Dr. Takahiro Kumagai (PENTA-OCEAN CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.)

Member of PIANC MarCom WG 205: Design and Construction of Breakwaters on Soft Seabeds

Mr. Masatoki Nakanishi (Oriental Consultants Global Co., Ltd.)

Member of PIANC MarCom WG 243: Design, Maintenance and Sustainability of Container Terminal Pavements



From left in the front row: Mr. Masatoki Nakanishi (Awardee), Mr. Ken Abe (Director-General of Ports and Harbours Bureau, MLIT), Dr. Takahiro Kumagai (Awardee)

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