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Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd.

“K” LINE Group-Managed Vessels Received 2024 Best Quality Ship Awards

Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd. (“K” LINE) is pleased to announce that the OCEANIC BREEZE, managed by K Marine Ship Management Pte. Ltd., and the CAPE SAPPHIRE, managed by “K” Line RoRo Bulk Ship Management Co., Ltd., have received the 2024 Best Quality Ship Awards from the Japan Federation of Pilots’ Associations (JFPA).<sup>\*1</sup> Both companies are “K” LINE in-house ship management companies.

The Best Quality Ship Awards were established in 2003 to raise awareness about safe navigation and the protection of ports and the marine environment.

Several aspects of the vessels were evaluated, such as the condition of the vessels’ boarding arrangements, navigation equipment, discipline on board and the high-level safety awareness of crew members.

The JFPA comprehensively evaluated vessels that had requested pilot services in pilotage districts in Japan in September and October 2024, and then presented awards to nine vessels, including two “K” LINE Group managed vessels, recognizing them for their excellence. Certificates and plaques were presented by the JFPA at an award ceremony held on June 26, 2025.

The “K” LINE Group includes “providing safe and optimized services” in its corporate principle and vision. To fulfill its responsibilities to society through safe navigation, “K” LINE Group has established the following three policy pillars.<sup>\*2</sup>

- (1) Enhancing the management structure to ensure safety in navigation
- (2) Strengthening the ship management structure
- (3) Reinforcing the securing and training of maritime technical personnel

The “K” LINE Group will continue to work toward the realization of both social and economic value through excellence in safe navigation and transportation quality management, sustainable growth and the increase of corporate value by supporting the infrastructure of the global community as a partner trusted by all of its stakeholders.

<sup>\*1</sup> Japan Federation of Pilots’ Associations:

Under the revised Pilotage Law, the JFPA was founded by a number of Pilots’ Associations in Japan in 2007.

[https://pilot.or.jp/english/e\\_frame.htm](https://pilot.or.jp/english/e_frame.htm)

\*2 "K" LINE's policy on promoting safe navigation:

<https://www.kline.co.jp/en/sustainability/social/safety.html>

Plaques and certificates awarded



From left:

Capt. Shoji Fukuda, Chief Executive Officer, K Marine Ship Management Pte. Ltd.

Capt. Yukinori Takao, President, JAPAN FEDERATION OF PILOTS' ASSOCIATIONS

Hiroshige Tanioka, President & C.E. Officer, "K" Line RoRo Bulk Ship Management Co., Ltd.

[LNG (liquefied natural gas) carrier OCEANIC BREEZE]

LOA: 288.00 m

Beam: 48.9 m

Gross Tonnage: 136,894



Bulk Carrier CAPE SAPPHIRE]

LOA: 299.95 m

Beam: 50.0 m

Gross Tonnage: 107,850

