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Norway-Japan Sustainable Ocean Fest 2022

Enoshima, 22-24 April 2022

Japan and Norway have a long history as maritime states and share the values and norms of seafaring nations. We recognize the need to address the challenges to reach the UN Sustainable Development Goals and in particular SDG 14 on life under water.

The *Norway Friendship Yacht Race* has been held annually since 2002. The race was founded by sailing enthusiasts in Enoshima during HM King Harald V visit to Japan in 2001, to commemorate the King's participation in the 1964 Olympics when he was the Crown Prince. The 20th anniversary of the race will be the occasion to arrange the **Norway-Japan Sustainable Ocean Fest 2022**, with the purpose to give attention to ocean issues.

The state of the ocean is in peril. At the same time, the ocean also holds many of the urgent solutions we need to secure a sustainable future, as recognized by the High Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy initiated by the leaders of 14 coastal states, including Japan, Norway and Palau.

The **Norway-Japan Sustainable Ocean Fest 2022** will be an occasion for Norwegian and Japanese partners to hold seminars and scientific exchanges, commercial events, youth education, family activities and seafood presentations, over a three-day period in Enoshima, creating a space for building awareness and understanding.

The ocean belongs to no one and must be protected for future generations.

We often talk of the 70-80-90 rule: The ocean covers 70% of the planet's surface, 80% of people live near the ocean and 90% of international trade is by sea. Another version of the same rule goes: The ocean covers 70% of the planet's surface, 80% of the ocean has never been mapped or explored, and an estimated 90% of all species in the oceans are still undiscovered. There are many reasons for our attention and concern, for our economy and for our ecology. Norway and Japan seek new directions in science, commerce and industry to find practices that are sustainable for the future, be it in the exploitation of resources such as fish or seafood, or in terms of technologies in the maritime and energy sectors that can cut emissions and reduce the impact of human activities on the seas.

And as the Ocean Panel has pointed out: In order to achieve functional coexistence among all those who use the ocean, we must establish a knowledge-based management of the seas.

2021-2030 is designated as the *UN Decade for Ocean Sciences for Sustainable Development*. To mark this UN Decade, the Norwegian tall ship "Statsraad Lehmkuhl" is currently circumnavigating the world on the "**One Ocean Expedition**", a scientific endeavour to study the state of our ocean. The expedition will make a stop at "Hammerhead Pier" in Yokohama in September 2022 after setting sail from Palau two weeks before – an opportunity for us to reflect on the state of the ocean. The events in Enoshima in April will be a waypoint to the arrival of "Statsraad Lehmkuhl".

Considering that Palau is also host for the **Our Oceans Conference**, planned for April 2022, we will welcome Palau's participation as a guest of honour in the programme.

We will approach Norwegian and Japanese research and academic communities, business and industry leaders, social and community organisations, as well as policy and political decision-makers, inviting them all to support the **Norway-Japan Sustainable Ocean Fest 2022** and to take action for change.

Event outline

Title	Norway-Japan Sustainable Ocean Fest 2022
Date	Friday 22 April to Sunday 24 April, 2022
Venue	Enoshima Yacht Harbour
Contents	<p>Friday 22 April: Symposium for business and researchers, panel discussion</p> <p>Saturday 23 April: Sustainability summit and reception, workshop for youth, family events, commercial events, Norway Friendship Yacht Race</p> <p>Sunday 24 April: Family events and activities, Norway Friendship Yacht Race award ceremony</p>
Organizer	Norway-Japan Sustainable Ocean Fest 2022 Organizing committee
Organising partners:	<p>Enoshima Yacht Club</p> <p>Norwegian Embassy in Tokyo</p> <p>Norwegian Seafood Council</p> <p>Innovation Norway</p> <p>Norwegian Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Norway-Japan Society</p> <p>Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Ocean Policy Research Institute</p>

