

ASEF Goes into its 11th Year

17 November 2025

On 12 November 2025, Active Shipbuilding Experts' Federation (ASEF) held its 11th Assembly.

ASEF is composed of 11 members.

- The Shipbuilders' Association of Japan
- China Association of the National Shipbuilding Industry
- Korea Offshore & Shipbuilding Association
- Turkish Shipbuilders' Association
- Association of Marine Industries of Malaysia
- The Association of Singapore Marine & Offshore Energy Industries
- Colombo Dockyard PLC (Sri Lanka)
- Shipyards Association of India
- Indonesia Shipbuilding and Offshore Association
- Shipbuilding Industry Corporation (Vietnam)
- Thai Shipbuilding and Repairing Association

Changes on Chairmanship & Secretariat

ASEF started its operation on 26th November 2015. After three years of trial period rotating the Chairmanship and the Secretariat among SAJ, KOSHIPA and CANSI each year, secretariat rotation is every two years instead of one. And SAJ functions as an ASEF secretariat.

Term	Secretariat	Chair
2015. 11 - 2016. 10	SAJ	Shigeru Murayama
2016. 11 - 2017. 10	KOSHIPA	Young-Joo Seo
2017. 11 - 2018. 10	CANSI	MinJun Chen
2018. 11 - 2020. 10	SAJ	Yasuhiko Katoh, Tamotsu Saito
2020. 11 - 2022. 10	KOSHIPA	Sung-Geun Lee, Sam H. Ka
2022. 11 - 2024. 10	CANSI	Wei Sun
2024. 10 - 2025. 11	SAJ	Yoshinori Kanehana
2025. 11 -	SAJ	Yukito Higaki

Since ASEF became IMO NGO (Dec 2017) technical issues of the maritime industry being discussed at IMO, ISO, IACS, etc. are handled by TWG and SWGS. (SWG1 Coating, SWG2 Containership

safety, SWG4 GBS & CSR, SWG5 Mass and Cyber Resilience, SWG6 Environment, SWG7 Ship Fittings, SWG8 Propulsion and Steering systems, and SWG9 Underwater Radiated Noise)

Organization (2024 - 2026)

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Chair	Mr. Yukito Higaki (SAJ Chairman - President of Imabari Shipbuilding)
Vice Chair	Kyu Chong Choi (KOSHIPA, Executive Vice Chair) Mr. Li Yanqing (CANSI, Secretary General)
Council Members	Koichi Okuda (SAJ, Mitsubishi Shipbuilding) Seok Joo Chung (KOSHIPA) Yu Xie (CANSI) Mehtap Ozdemir (GISBIR)
Secretary General	Takuya Minato (SAJ)
Accredited Persons (technical)	Mr. Kazuyoshi Hirota (SAJ, Japan Marine United) Tae il Lee (KOSHIPA - University of Ulsan) Jiameng WU (CANSI - MARIC) Mustafa Insel (GISBIR - Head of Technical and R&D Commission of GISBIR)