

28th June, 2018

NS United Kaiun Kaisha, Ltd.
Kazuo Tanimizu, President
(For Inquiry) Toru Fujita, Executive Officer,
Safety Management Group
Telephone 03-6895-6423

NSU KEYSTONE received "Best Quality Ship Award 2017"

We are pleased to inform that the bulk carrier NSU KEYSTONE, owned, operated, and managed by the NS United Kaiun group, was selected for the "Best Quality Ship Award 2017" by the Japan Federation of Pilots' Associations (JFPA).

On behalf of the vessel, our manager received the certificate of commendation and the memento plaque during the awarding ceremony held at Prefectural Assembly Hall (Tokyo) on June 22nd. These will be handed over to the master of the vessel on her next call at a Japanese port.

This award was founded in 2003 to commend the vessels of those judged as superior by the JFPA, in order to uplift awareness of vessels' safe navigation and protection of the harbors / marine environment. For the fiscal year 2017, 7 vessels were selected out of more than 14,000 candidates, targeted to vessels requested pilots in pilotage districts throughout Japan in September and October.

The criterion of selection were safety measures, correct operation of equipment, navigational facilities, embarkation/disembarkation equipment, smooth onboard communication and chain of command, cooperative system to the pilot, and they were comprehensively evaluated.

Encouraged by this award received by the vessel, our group as a whole, will continuously strive for the safe operation and pursue the higher-quality operation skills.

【NSU KEYSTONE outline】

Master : Capt. Le Hong Chien
Flag : Panama
Crew : 22 person (All Vietnamese)
Deadweight Ton : 207,684 KT
Gross Tonnage : 107,217 ton



Mr. Hiroshi Kanemaru (right), Manager,
Team Leader of Marine Team,
Safety management Group, received the award.