

PILOTAGE ORGANIZATION

It is a statutory obligation under the provisions of the Pilotage Law that a (regional) pilots' association be established by the licensed pilots who belong to a designated pilotage district.

The organization of an association is as shown in Fig.1.



Fig 1

Duties to be undertaken by the association are as follows:

- To perform pilotage services and collect pilotage fees covering the services rendered.
- To manage and operate the pilotage office.
- To train pilots.
- To give guidance to pilots.
- To perform communications services for pilots.

These pilots' associations are independent organizations. In Japan, there are 34 associations, but their sizes vary to a considerable extent. The largest, the Tokyo-Wan Pilots' Association, has about 180 pilots whereas the smallest one embodies only one pilot. (See Fig. 2)