

## FEATURES

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 86<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ASSEMBLY ;  
Ports of the Hokuriku region forming up a land belt on Japan  
Sea side ~For establishing Sea of Japan Ring communication  
area and for building up strong logistics networks against  
disasters ~

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One of the keys to lead the national land development is the establishment of multi-land belts, including Sea of Japan one, and multiplication of logistics network associated with the Pacific Ocean land belt which will result in the reinforcement of the entire land of Japan for the sake of disaster prevention and mitigation in advance.

Under these circumstances, Hokuriku, region west of Tokyo on Japan Sea side, becomes more and more important as a gateway of economically growing Sea of Japan Ring countries by taking advantage of its good location close to the neighbor countries and three metropolitan areas. And at the same time, the region is expected to take an role for diversification of risks, assuming back-up function for the entire nation.

The feature of this month introduces the activities of Hokuriku ports, aiming at the formation of Sea of Japan belt.

■ *To The 86<sup>th</sup> annual assembly in Tsuruga City, Fukui Pref.*

/Akio Mimura/Norihiko Yamagata

■ *Welcome to Tsuruga in Fukui for annual assembly*

/Issei Nishikawa/Akira Shinoda/Kazuharu Kawase

■ Introduction of Tsuruga , the hosting City

■ *Ports of Hokuriku, forming up a land belt*

■ *Expectation to ports and harbors*

Three prefectures of Hokuriku (Toyama, Ishikawa, and Fukui)

/Isao Nagahara

Niigata prefecture

/Eiichi Tsurui

■ *What are happening at Hokuriku ports*

Countries on the other side - Russia, China and Mongolia

/Susumu Yoshida

Measures taken against earthquake and tsunami at ports in Hokuriku region

/Kazuo Abe

Making wide-area back-up plan in case of disaster hitting the Pacific Ocean side.

/Masaya Yanai

■ *Examples of efforts to develop the land belt on the Japan Sea side*

Efforts to strengthen competitiveness of Port of Niigata as a gateway to North

East Asia

/Yoshiyuki Inari

Construction of Joetsu thermal power station by Chubu Electric Power Co.,Inc.  
~Port of Naoetsu to be a new energy hub~ /Terunori Kobayashi

“General main port” on the Japan Sea side, Port of Fushiki Toyama, ~efforts to expand its functions as a gateway to countries on the other side~/Kiyotaka Muraoka

New sightseeing base, “Shinminato Bridge” in Toyama Minoru Sugiura

Utilization of Port of Kanazawa by Komatsu and their business strategy  
/Takuji Yokomoto

Port of Tsuruga in Fukui~efforts to induce more cargoes of container and RO/RO to Tsuruga-Busan service /Masanori Nakashima

Port of Nanao in Ishikawa~domestic feeder transportation trial, taking into consideration of becoming a base port of raw timbers~ /Shoichi Maeyama

■ *Topics* Port of Tsuruga in Fukui, bringing about historic and romantic atmosphere  
~Chiune Sugihara and port of humanity~

/International affairs and Trade Division, Industry and Economy  
Department, Tsuruga City

■ *Attracting more people to ports*

Port in Sado Island, famous for Toki, a Japanese crested ibis /Hiroshi Fujii

Port of Wajima in Ishikawa, promoting tourism for vitalization of the area  
/Hiroshi Kitayama