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Yokohama-Kawasaki International Port Corporation (YKIP) is the official managing entity of Keihin Port Complex including Yokohama port and Kawasaki port, funded by the national government and the cities of Yokohama and Kawasaki, established in January 2016.

Officially, in March of 2016, YKIP was appointed as an International Container Hubs(ICHs) of Japan, under a national policy promoted by Japan's Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT). Since its establishment, YKIP has been playing an important role in terms of energizing the management of container terminals, promoting cruise business, and taking initiatives on developing LNG as a marine fuel.

About SGMF,

SGMF stands for "The Society for Gas as a Marine Fuel". It was formed in 2013 as a Membership Based NGO now with 111 members across the Globe from all sectors of the Maritime Industry, including suppliers, owners, ship managers, operators, class societies, shipyards, engine manufacturers OEM's and brokers.

SGMF is governed by a membership representative Board and it has a Technical Committee that addresses issues and problem areas that need to be solved. Both groups meet twice per year and a second committee on Environment will be formed in 2017 to address those issues.

Usually SGMF forms Work Groups from its members to tackle problems and for example current groups covering Safe Working Distances, Simultaneous Operations, Bunker Control Systems, Training and Competence and QCDC design.

SEA\LNG brings together key players from across the supply chain, including shipping companies, classification societies, ports, major LNG suppliers, downstream companies, infrastructure providers and OEMs (original equipment manufacturers) to address market barriers and transform the use of LNG as a marine fuel.

SEA\LNG is a not for profit collaborative industry foundation serving the needs of its member organizations. SEA\LNG is guided by a board, which is led by Chairman Peter Keller.

YKIP has been conducting practical case studies on LNG bunkering independently and cooperatively with MLIT. Taking this opportunity of its alliance with both SGMF and SEA\LNG, YKIP is going to deepen its study globally.