

Club Circular

Steamship Mutual announces the establishment of a Registered Foreign Lawyer (Gaikokuho Jimu Bengoshi, “GJB”) office in Tokyo

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To the Members

Steamship Mutual is pleased to announce the establishment of a Registered Foreign Lawyer (Gaikokuho Jimu Bengoshi, “GJB”) office in Tokyo, providing Members with high-quality FD&D advice delivered locally and in full compliance with Japanese law.

The GJB office is headed by Thomas Davies, an English-qualified solicitor with over 20 years’ experience in private practice and the P&I sector, who joined Steamship Mutual in 2024. Thomas has an excellent record of success in High Court litigation and LMAA arbitration, as well as broad experience across all forms of alternative dispute resolution.

The GJB office details are as follows:

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The GJB will work closely with the Steamship Mutual Tokyo office while operating as an independent law office regulated by the Japan Federation of Bar Associations (JFBA). The GJB will be able to provide English law advice to Japanese and non-Japanese Members where appropriate. Steamship Mutual will continue to instruct and work closely with Japanese law firms in the usual way whenever local Japanese law advice or representation is required.

Alongside his role as head of the GJB, Thomas will also undertake limited part-time duties for Steamship in relation to P&I and other non-FD&D matters, in accordance with JFBA requirements and without affecting his primary responsibilities within the GJB.



The establishment of a dedicated GJB office in Japan reinforces Steamship Mutual's long-standing commitment to the Japanese market and strengthens the Club's local offering. For further information, please contact the Steamship Mutual Tokyo office.

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Yours faithfully,
Steamship Mutual Underwriting Association Limited.

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