Danish Shipping: A long tradition with the Japanese maritime industry

Bridges speaks with Anne H. Steffensen, director-general and CEO of Danish Shipping — the 1884-founded trade and employer organization for more than 50 shipping and offshore companies in Denmark.

Bridges: What is the current state of the Japanese maritime industry?

Steffensen: Danish shipping overall is in an excellent condition. Shipping accounts for more than 90% of the total Danish exports, and the maritime sector is important not only to Denmark but also to many other countries. It is a significant chunk of this country’s GDP. Many of the companies operating in Denmark are major players, and they have strong connections with Japan.

Bridges: What role does the Japanese maritime industry play in the Danish shipping sector?

Steffensen: Japan plays a significant role in the Danish shipping industry. It is a major market for Danish shipping companies and a key partner for many of our clients. The Japanese shipping market is a major player, and it is important for us to maintain strong relationships with them.

Bridges: How is Danish shipping adapting to new technologies and sustainability challenges?

Steffensen: Danish shipping is continuously adapting to new technologies and sustainability challenges. We are committed to becoming carbon-neutral by 2050, and we are investing heavily in new technologies that can help us achieve this goal. We are also focusing on sustainability and making sure that our operations are as efficient and environmentally friendly as possible.

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Bridges: What are some of the recent developments in the Danish shipping industry?

Steffensen: In recent years, we have seen a lot of developments in the Danish shipping industry. One of the most significant developments has been the introduction of new technologies, such as those related to sustainable shipping. We have also seen a lot of growth in the offshore sector, and we expect this trend to continue in the future.

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