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## Celebrating 30 years in Japan

This year, we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the opening of the Japan branch of Assuranceforeningen Gard.

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Although Gard has been active in the Japanese market, supporting local shipowners and insuring their P&I liabilities since the 1970s, it was only in the late 1980s it became possible to obtain a licence to open an office in Japan to write local P&I business. In October 1991 Gard obtained a licence from the Japan Financial Services Agency and the Japan Branch of Assuranceforeningen Gard was formally established.

“Having an office close to the Japanese market, with strong local and international competencies, is strategically important to us. What Gard Japan has been able to achieve over the past years has been remarkable. As we reflect over the past three decades, it is important to acknowledge those that have been part of the journey, each adding value and helping us grow in an ever-changing environment. A special thank you to our three regional managers during these thirty years, Toyoo Mohri, Hideo Teramachi and Tadashi Sugimoto.” said Rolf Thore Roppestad, CEO of Gard.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Japanese Members for their support of Gard throughout the years and look forward continue to support them and their operations in the years ahead.