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Shipping & Maritime News

Ballast Water Threat

The introduction of invasive marine species into new environments by ships' ballast water, attached to ships' hulls and via other vectors has been identified as one of the four greatest threats to the world's oceans. Shipping moves over 80% of the world's Commodities and transfers approximately 10 billion tones of ballast water internationally each year. Ballast water is absolutely essential to the safe and efficient operation of modern shipping, providing balance and stability to un-laden ships. However, it may also pose a serious ecological, economic and health threat.

The distribution of ballast within a vessel will depend on the design criteria, size and strength of the vessel. There are thousands of marine species that may be carried in ships' ballast water; basically anything that is small enough to pass ships' ballast water intake ports and pumps. These include bacteria and other microbes, small invertebrates and the eggs, cysts and larvae of various species. The problem is compounded by the fact that virtually all marine species have life cycles that include planktonic stage or stages. Even species in which the adults are unlikely to be taken on in ballast water, for example because they are too large or live attached to seabed, may be transferred in ballast during their planktonic phase.

The Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) is working on developing a draft International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (Ballast Water Convention) to prevent the transfer of harmful aquatic organisms in ballast water. It is planned to hold a diplomatic conference in early 2004 to adopt the new Ballast Water Convention.

The proposed new Ballast Water Convention include a two-tier approach:

> Tier 1 - includes requirements that would apply to all ships, including mandatory requirements for a Ballast Water and Sediments Management Plan, a Ballast Water Record Book and a requirement that new ship shall carry out ballast water and sediment management procedures to a given standard or range of standards. Existing ships would be required to carry out ballast water management procedures after a phase-in period, but these procedures may differ from those to be applied to new ships.
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> Tier 2 - includes special requirements, which may apply in certain areas and would include procedures and criteria for the designation of such areas in which additional control may be applied to the discharge and/or uptake of ballast water.

Actual ballast water treatment standards have yet to be identified. However, MEPC agreed that there should be a standard for ballast water exchange, a short-term standard for ballast water treatment and a long-term standard for ballast water treatment. It has been recognized that ballast water exchange is the only widely used technique currently available to prevent the spread of unwanted aquatic organisms in ballast water and its use should continue to be accepted as an interim solution, but in the future onboard treatment alternatives may be favoured.

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It was noted that the World Health Organization (WHO) was working on water quality standards for pathogens, which would be an important factor in establishing ballast water standards for pathogens.

The MEPC also gave consideration to the need for various guidelines in support of the Convention, and identified the following issues for guidelines in order of priority:

- guidelines for the design, construction and operation of ships that use Ballast Water Exchange,
- guidelines for assessment and approval of ballast water treatment systems (type testing)
- guidelines supporting coastal States when considering additional measures, and
- guidelines on ballast water sampling/inspections on board ships by port State Administrations.

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"NOTHING " is the answer

NOTHING has 7 letters.
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NOTHING is greater than God.
NOTHING is more Evil than the devil.
All poor people have NOTHING.
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If you eat NOTHING, you will die.

IOPC Fund to Meet on Prestige Payments

At the first meeting of the International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund 1992's Executive Committee after the Prestige incident the members States expressed their sympathy with the victims and governments and regional and local authorities impacted by this major incident. The committee stated that the 1992 Fund would do its utmost to provide compensation to victims of the Prestige incident as rapidly as possible within the framework of the 1992 Civil Liability Convention and the 1992 Fund Convention.

Compensation is available to any individual, business, private organization, or public body who has suffered pollution damage as a result of the Prestige incident. Compensation is payable under the 1992 Civil Liability Convention and the 1992 Fund Convention, which form part of Spanish, French, and Portuguese Law.

Approximately 25 million Euros (US$27.2 million) in compensation is available from the shipowner's liability insurer, the London P&I Club. Additional compensation of up to approximately 147.5 million Euros (US$160.5 million) is available from the International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund 1992 (1992 Fund), for a total of 171.5 million Euros (US$186.7 million) available.

It is clear that the total amount of the claims arising from the Prestige incident will exceed the amount availble for compensation. Since it was not possible at this stage to make any meaningful assessment of the magnitude of the total amount of estimated claims, the Executive Committee decided that the 1992 Fund's payment should for the time being be limited to payments to alleviate financial hardship to victims.

The 1992 Fund's Executive Committee will meet on 6 May 2003 to consider the developments in the Prestige case and in particular the level of payments.

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Technical Visit at Hong Kong Electric (Lamma Island) Power Plant

A technical visit at the Hong Kong Electric (Lamma Island) Power Plant on 11th January 2003 was organized by The Hong Kong Institute of Marine Technology (HKIMT) and HKJB. Around 27 visitors attended the visit and 21 of them were students studying HD in Maritime Technology and Management course operated at the Engineering Department of the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (Tsing Yi).

The participants assembled at Queen's Pier at 9:00am and it took 45 minutes sailing on a Hong Kong Electric's ferry to the plant. The Deputy Site Manager, Mr. Thomas CHEONG, gave us a warm welcome and briefed us on the history of Hong Kong Electric in the plant office and an overview on the operations of the plant with a scaled model. The Hong Kong Electric was established in 1890 to supply electrical power to Hong Kong Island. The total capacity of Lamma Power Station is 3305 MW and more stations are to be built in the near future.

The Technical Services Engineer (Generation Division), Mr. KAM Wing-fai gave us an overview in the various aspects of the operations of the plant including the fuel preparation, boiler and turbine operation and control and electrical power generation. He also told us that Hong Kong Electric took the environmental issues very seriously and invested a lot in this aspect. This included the installation of the flue gas de-sulphurisation system, handling system of coal and the ash and monitoring of the air, noise, fresh and sea water quality around the plant.

After the briefing, our participating members were escorted to take a site tour. In the tour members visited various sections of the plant, including the control room, boiler and turbine room and all the facilities for the environmental protection. In general, the scale and the technology of the plant impressed all members.

Lastly our participating members expressed our thanks to the warm reception of the staff of the Hong Kong Electric for the visit.

*** Reported by Mr. Y.K. Szeto ***

Mr. Nelson Yu (L) presenting the souvenir to Mr. Kam, Technical Services Engineer of HK Electric

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Student Awards Reception 2003

To show sincere gratitude to the donors who present awards worth around HK$1,200,000 to 514 students of Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (IVE), a Student Awards Reception 2003 was held on 11 January 2003 at Tsing Yi Campus by the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education.

The HKIMT as one of the 89 donors was invited to attend the ceremony. The HKIMT scholarship was awarded to Mr. W.K. CHAN and Miss P.K. YU, Higher Diploma students in Maritime Technology and Management of IVE(Tsing Yi). Mr. H.K. LEUNG, Chairman of the HKIMT on behalf of the HKIMT received a plaque of appreciation from the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education at the ceremony.

In order to encourage industrious marine students to have sense of achievement to our successors in maritime industry, the HKIMT will continue to make such meaningful donations or contributions for educational or charitable purposes.

Mr. H.K. Leung, Chairman of HKIMT, with the 3 scholarship students at the Student Awards Reception 2003

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Spring Dinner cum Social Gathering

With good support from members of HKJB and HKIMT on the last year's Spring Dinner, both HKJB and HKIMT this year jointly organized with the Hong Kong Institute of Engineers (HKIE) of the MMNC Division, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Hong Kong Section, the Institute of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE) Hong Kong Branch and the Hong Kong Institute of Acoustics (HKIOA) a Spring Dinner 2003. The event was held on 28 February 2003 in World Trade Centre Club to celebrate the Chinese New Year, Year of the Goat.

Mr. Steve CHOU, representative from Maritime Administration of Macau SAR and Mr. M.Y. LEUNG, President of the Macau Institute of Engineers were invited as our VIP guests of this social event. Nearly 120 participated the event with over 36 were members of HKJB and HKIMT. It had been a perfect occasion to meet people and professionals of related disciplines that many of our members often could not find such opportunity.

Members of HKJB and HKIMT having a group photo at the Spring Dinner 2003

A happy time for members of HKJB and HKIMT

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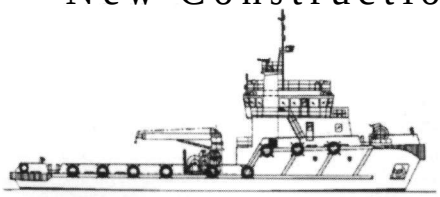

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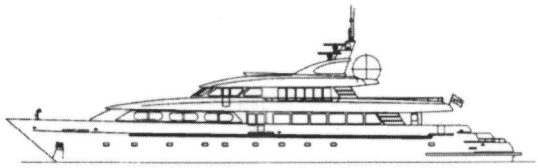

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The 27th HKJB Annual General Meeting and Student Prize Award

The 27th Annual General Meeting and Student Prize-Award ceremony were held on the 25 February 2003, with 25 odd members and students attended. Prior the AGM, there was a "Student Prize-Award Ceremony".

Student Prize 2003

Mr. Alan C.M. TSANG, Chairman of Joint Branch, presented the prizes to the maritime students with good performance at the final year of relevant courses. The recipients were:

Mr. MAK Chun-chung,
Faculty of Engineering of The University of Hong Kong as "Best Year 2 student in Mechanical Engineering"

Mr. KWOK Chi-kwan,
HD in Maritime Technoloy & Management of the Institute of Vocational Education of Hong Kong as "Best Year 1 student in year 2001-2002"

Miss YEUNG Ching-han,
HD in Maritime Technology & Management of the Institute of Vocational Education of Hong Kong as "Best Year 2 student in year 2001-2002"

Prizes donated for this year's were coming from our devoted members Mr. W.H. FONG, Mr. I.M. NG, Mr. P.C. SO, Mr. M.Y. CHAN, The Branch appreciates for their generous support in training.

Elected Committee members for 2003/04

In the 2003 AGM, both Mr. H.K. LEUNG and Mr. Nelson KC YU were elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively of Hong Kong Joint Branch. The new Chairman gave some directions and commitment to lead the Branch for a better year to come. Also, Mr. C.K. MAK, Mr. K.S. SZETO, Mr. Nelson YU and Mr. Y.M. CHENG were elected the Sub-committee Chairs of the Branch.

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Symposium with Guangdong SNAME in March 2003

The event on "SYMPOSIUM ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND MODERNISATION OF SHIP-BUILDING & SHIP-REPAIRING INDUSTRY 2003" held in Guangdong Science Technology Centre, Guangzhou, on 21-22 March 2003 had accomplished with great success. The event attracted nearly 200 participants and experts from both sides coming from over 50 organizations. Nearly 50 participants were from HK and a total of 16 papers were presented for a one-day symposium followed by a half-day visit to Guangzhou Shipyard. The event was supported by 16 organizations from the industry from both sides.

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President GUAN of Guangdong SNAME and all other six organizers and co-organizers, including Hong Kong Institute of Engineers (MMNC Division), HKIMT, East Asia Division of IMarEST and HKJB of RINA & IMarEST, Shanghai SNAME and South China University and Technology were invited to the stage to inaugurate the event. In his opening speech, he stressed the importance in fostering links and closer cooperation between Guangdong and Hong Kong. The symposium was one of the crucial events that both sides could work together to promote the maritime industry and technology. He reminded the participants that the first symposium of this kind also jointly organized by Hong Kong and Guangdong learned societies was held in China Hotel at Guangzhou in 1997. He hoped this second symposium would bring the same or even better achievement to all participants. Mr. H.K. LEUNG represented Hong Kong institutes to give an encouraging opening remark highlighting the continuing GDP growth in logistic, in particular, the increasing of containers and sea cargoes throughput, which is a result of the strong manufacturing and export growth in South China. The growing trend would be beneficial if the maritime industry could respond correctly to the opportunity. He called for the professions to react to the demanding trend positively while enhancing communication and contacts through networking at seminars and symposia would be an effective means.

Mr. H.K. Leung, Chairman of HKIMT, delivering the opening speech at the opening ceremony

The symposium consisted of six technical sessions, i.e. two common sessions in the morning and four sessions in parallel in the afternoon with contents ranging from modern ship design techniques to new ship technologies, gas ship safety to a solar boat for China tourist industry. The varieties of topics drew interests and attentions of most participants particularly the questions time. The symposium came to an end shortly over five o'clock then followed by a closing remark given by Mr. Francis LAW, President of East Asia Division of IMarEST. A closing cocktail was arranged in the Guangdong Hotel nearby the venue. President GUAN of GSNAME and Mr. K.S. SEZTO, Vice Chairman of HKIE(MMNC) were invited to give short speeches and draw some conclusions for the event and showed appreciation to those who have paid much of their time and effort to render the event a reality and successful. Participants took the opportunity to get better acquaintance with each others, exchange business thinking and forged contacts for future cooperation.

Mr. John McKay, Regional Marine Technical Adviser of Lloyd's Register of Shipping at the presentation

Mr. K.S. Szeto, Vice-Chairman of HKIE (MMNC Division) presenting a souvenir to speaker Dr. Beitian Wang of Hong Kong United Dockyard

Mr. Lin Liang-guang, Secretary General of Guangdong SNAME and Mr. Francis Law, President of East Asia Division of IMarEst delivering the closing remarks

Mr. Guan Xie-zhong, President of Guangdong SNAME and Mr. K.S. Szeto addressing at the closing cocktail reception

The Hong Kong delegation at the closing cocktail reception

Bottom-up for Mr. Robin Pickup, Manager of Lloyd's Register of Shipping

Mr. Chan of Guangzhou Shipyard introducing the functions and organization of the shipyard to members of HKJB and HKIMT

A new vessel under construction at the shipyard building site

The Hong Kong delegation at the shipyard visit

A half-day visit was arranged mainly for Hong Kong delegates to see the modernized Guangzhou Shipyard owned by the Guangdong Shipbuilding International (Holdings) Co. Ltd. Over last ten years, the shipyard had been equipped with modernized machineries and equipment. On arrival of the shipyard, the delegate was given a comprehensive presentation on the history and organization of the shipyard. A great number of members were showed great interests in asking various topics including the environmental issues. The delegate was then led to see some of the ships being built, including a ro-ro ship and outfitting workshops. It had been an interesting tour and the participants gained much insight in the advancement of marine technology associated with shipbuilding and repairing in Mainland China in facing the challenges of the 21st Century.

*** Reported by Mr. Michael Lee ***

Article of Leisure

Test Your Brain

Eighty percent (80%) of children in kindergarten solved this riddle, but only 5% of Stanford University graduates figured it out!

See if you can answer the following question.

Have fun!!!

1. The word has seven letters...
2. Preceded God...
3. Greater than God...
4. More evil than the devil...
5. All poor people have it...
6. Wealthy people need it...
7. If you eat it, you will die.

Did you figure it out?
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Try hard before looking at the answers.
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Did you get it yet?
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Give up?
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Brace yourself for the answer....
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Please see answer on page 2

Don't feel bad if you didn't get it. You are just as good as the 95% Standford graduates.

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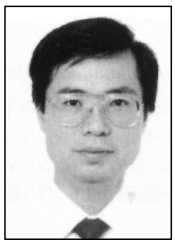

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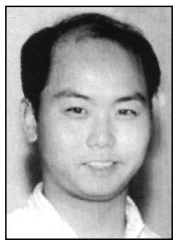

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Branch Committee and Sub-Committees Arrangement / Structure

The Joint Branch Committee shall manage the business of the Branch, furtherance the Objects of the parent bodies, promote the activities and to increase the membership of the parent bodies. It shall hold regular meetings at least once every two months. It shall give directions and advice to various sub-committees where necessary and to maintain an updated circulation list of the members in Hong Kong.

Joint Branch Committee (18 members, excluding Immediate Past-Chairman and ex officio)

Committee Office Bearers:-

Committee Chairman,
Vice Committee-Chairman
Hon Secretary
Assistant Hon Secretary
Hon Treasurer

Committee members:-

Immediate Past-chairman
Sub-Committee Chairman (4 persons)
Sub-Committee Vice-chairman (4 persons)
Sub-Committee members as required

Within the Branch Committee, it shall run following Sub-*Committee*:-

1. Education & Students Affairs Sub-Committee (ESSC)
2. Publicity Publications & PRC Liaison Sub-Committee (PLSC)
3. Public-social Relations Sub-Committee (PRSC)
4. Technical Meeting Sub-Committee (TMSC)

Roles of Office Bearers/Committee Officers:-

Committee Chairman is the chief executive who is responsible to lead the committee on each year's activities and commitments; to set goals and targets for the well being of the local members and the Institute; to arbitrte discussion, gather consensus, and to cast the tie-breaking vote at meetings when necessary.

Vice Committee-Chairman is the assistant to the Committee Chairman and may act on his behalf when so delegated or at his absence.

Hon Secretary is responsible for taking minutes during each meeting of the committee and communicating with HQ London, the secretaries of all sub-committees, committee members, and local members, and to coordinate membership interviews.

Assistant Hon. Secretary is the assistant to the Hon Secretary and may act on his behalf when so delegated or at his absence; to maintain the updated local membership list and their circulation addresses / contacts; to maintain an updated list of local shipping / maritime organisations contact list.

Hon Treasurer is responsible for all payments for agreed/ approved expenditures and accounting aspect of the committee.

Sub-Committee Chairman is the leader of each sub-committee who is responsible to lead the sub-committee on each year's activities and functions and to set goals and targets for the well being of the local members and the Institute for council's approval; to arbitrate discussion, gather consensus, and to cast the tie-breaking vote at meetings when necessary.

Vice Sub-Committee-Chairman is the assistant to the Sub-Committee Chairman and may act on his behalf when he is so delegated or at his absence. He is also responsible for taking minutes during each meeting and communicate with members of the respective sub-committee. A copy of the meeting extract together with any suggested discussion agenda should be forwarded to Hon Secretary at least two weeks before each committee meeting.

Commitments to Committee/Sub-Committee Meetings

Each of the above sub-committee should hold meeting at least once every two months at place time chosen themselves. Any member who fails to attend 3 meetings consecutively shall be automatically ceased to be committee/sub-committee member. Another member or co-opt member shall be nominated to take his place at the discretion Chairman of each committee or sub-committee.

The Role of Joint Branch Committees:-

To co-ordinate and run the Branch committee / sub-committee activities. It shall hold regular meetings at least every two months. It shall give direction and advice to various sub-committees where necessary and to maintain update circulation list of members in Hong Kong.

Term of Reference for Various Sub-Committees:-

1. *Education & Students Affairs Sub-Committee (ESSC)*

   To co-ordinate resources for the development of local professionals in relation to education and training, to co-ordinate awards or scholarships where necessary, to co-ordinate interview matters relating to applicants for membership.

   to co-ordinate students activities such as student projects presenation, technical visits and organize career talks to schools, technical and tertiary institutes

2. *Publicity Publications & PRC Liaison Sub-Committee (PLSC)*

   To express professional views in public relating to maritime safety and marine environmental protection matters where necessary so as to fulfil our professional role and commitment to hte society and public, to issue MARINA on quarterly basis and to co-ordinate the issue of DIVISIONAL NEWSLETTERS on need basis.

   To co-ordinate periodic meetings with PRC counterpart and related professional bodies for holding periodic technical exchanges or meeting, visits, etc., to co-organize seminars when necessary.

   To co-ordinate with parent bodies on Branch activities and forward reports to parent bodies for publication as necessary

3. *Public-social Relations Sub-Committee (PRSC)*

   To organize social events as appropriate including the Annual Ball, to initiate public relation with Hong Kong Shipowners Association, Classification societies, shipping companies and maritime related organizations.

4. *Technical Meeting Sub-Committee (TMSC)*

   To organize 6 to 10 technical paper meetings per year and one seminar each year; to prepare souvenir plagues for presenters, invite guest speakers and prepare circular for distribution; to prepare technical meeting venues.

Sub-Committees Arrangement 2003 / 04:-

1. *Education & Students Affairs Sub-Committee (ESSC)*

Chair:	Mr. C.K. MAK
Vice-Chair	Dr. Alan S.T. TANG
Sub-Com Members:	Mr. I.M. NG
	Mr. W.K. LEE

2. *Publication & PRC Liaison Sub Committee (PLSC)*

Chair:	Mr. K.S. SZETO
Vice-Chair	Mr. H.K. LEUNG
Sub-Com Members:	Mr. Michael K.F. LEE
	Mr. Alan C.M. TSANG

3. *Publicity-Social Relation Sub-Committee (PRSC)*

Chair:	Mr. Nelson K.C. YU
Vice-Chair	Mr. K.F. TANG
Sub-Com Members:	Mr. M.K. LAI
	Mr. Ernest W.K. CHAN

4. *Technical Meeting Sub-Committee (TMSC)*

Chair:	Mr. Y.M. CHENG
Vice-Chair	Mr. Richard DIAS
Sub-Com Members:	Mr. M.Y. CHAN
	Mr. Eric K.L. CHU
	Mr. K. HUI
	Mr. Laxman KUMAR
	Mr. R.W. PICKUP