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## Shipping & Maritime News

### Posidonia 2004 A Key International Maritime Event

Posidonia is a high profile international maritime event being held at Piraeus, Greece biennially that comprised of a half-day maritime policy forum and an exhibition of four days. This year Posidonia 2004 was held from 7 to 11 June being presented by over 1,640 companies from 74 countries worldwide. The exhibitors were mainly manufacturers of marine products, equipments, ship-chandlers, shipping registers, port authorities, professional institutions, ship-builders as well as classification societies. Hong Kong also manned a booth at this international event. Key speakers of the maritime policy forum were prominent maritime VIPs at ministerial level that included Mr. E. Mitropoulos, Secretary General of IMO and Mr. Stephen IP, Secretary for Economic Development and Labour of the HKSAR Government.

To promote the Hong Kong maritime industry a Hong Kong booth was set up which was jointly organized by the Hong Kong Maritime Industry Council (MIC), the Marine Department and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council. Mr. Stephen IP, Secretary for Economic Development and Labour led a Hong Kong delegation for the event where two MIC members Mr K.H. KOO and Mr M.H. LIANG and eight major organizations, namely Cosco, Eurasia, IMC, HUD Group, Wallem, Hong Kong Shipowners Association, MIC and Marine Department sent representatives to man the Hong Kong booth to promote the services provided by the Hong Kong maritime industry. During the exhibition period the Greek Prime Minister Mr. Kostas Karamanlis and the Minister of Mercantile Marine Mr. Manolis Kefaloyannis visited the Hong Kong booth and showed their interests.



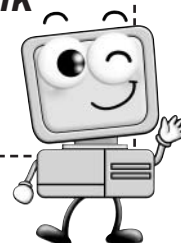
The Greek Prime Minister (left) met Mr. Stephen IP (Right) at the Hong Kong booth

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At the maritime policy forum, Mr. Stephen IP addressed the audiences on “Economic and Maritime Developments in Asia” to outline Hong Kong’s strengths including Hong Kong’s vital role in world trading, the continue growth in merchandise export, Hong Kong’s dynamic economic location, free-trade landmark, preferred transportation hub and the advantage of CEPA in doing business.



*Mr. Stephen IP welcomed guests at the buffet reception at the Hong Kong booth*

The Hong Kong pavilion hosted a reception on 8 June at the booth to welcome visiting guests, delegations and counterparts. In the reception, Mr. IP again briefed the guests the initiatives of the government to strengthen Hong Kong’s position as an international maritime centre. Over 100 guests enjoyed the reception especially the Dim Sum buffet.

Mr. IP also took the opportunity during his stay in Greece to meet the Greek Minister of Mercantile Marine and the Minister of Transports and Telecommunications to exchange views and to discuss the latest shipping developments in Hong Kong and Greece.

## **Hong Kong Shipowners Association Seminar on SOLAS Chapter XI and the ISPS Code**

Following the tragic event of 11 September 2001 in the US, IMO at the 22nd session of its Assembly in November 2001, agreed to develop new measures relating to security of ships and of port facilities. This forms the basis of the ISPS Code and it is the international framework through which ships and port facilities can co-operate to detect and deter acts that might threaten global maritime transportation.

As the deadline for global enforcement of the ISPS Code on 1 July 2004 is approaching, the Hong Kong Shipowners Association (HKSOA) has organized a series of seminars in conjunction with the concerned parties such as, flag States, Recognised Security Organizations and shipping companies to discuss, clarify and exchange experiences on ship security matters. These include compliance statistics, the issuance of Continuous Synopsis Records (CSR), who can be the Ship Security Officer (SSO), training requirements for Company Security Officer and SSO, etc.

In the HKSOA seminar being held on 25 July 2004, just 5 days before the implementation date of the ISPS Code, Marine Department (MD) sent two officers to explain to shipowners about Hong Kong Shipping Register's status on



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*Mr. M.Y. CHAN (Left) and Mr. Patrick TSO (Right) at HKSOA's Seminar*

issuance of CSR and how the Port State Control (PSC) Section of MD will enforce SOLAS Chapter XI-2 and the ISPS Code as from 1 July 2004.

At the seminar Mr. CHAN Ming-yau, Chief Assistant Registrar advised the audiences on MD's process of issuing the CSR, the number of CSRs having been issued, the problems encountered, the outstanding figures and how MD would ensure CSRs could be issued on time.

Mr. TSO Chi-hung, Patrick, Senior Surveyor/Port State Control then advised that both IMO and Tokyo MOU have provided guidance to port State authorities for the conduct and application of control and compliance measures related to SOLAS XI-2 and the ISPS Code. In particular, he pointed out that no more favourable treatment would be given to ships whose flag is not a Contracting Government to SOLAS and not a Party to the 1988 SOLAS Protocol. Mr. TSO reminded the audiences that PSCO has the right to go on board ship to verify the ISSC or Interim ISSC is proper; and in cases where no clear grounds are established

before the ship enters port the ship may still be subject to control.

He also informed that both Paris and Tokyo MOU would launch a Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on maritime security for three months, starting from 1 July to 30 September 2004. A copy of CIC questionnaire which would be used by PSCOs was given to all participants. Mr. Tso explained each of the eight CIC questions in details, and in particular to the items in respect of no valid ISSC on board; records for ship/shore or ship/ship activities; effective control of access to ship and to restricted areas; effectively communication on board and security drills, etc. Other items, some of which are not security related, which may be checked during the CIC inspection were also highlighted. These include Ship Security Alert System (SSAS); Automatic identification System (AIS) and IMO Identification Number.

The seminar was well received and concluded with a panel discussion.

## **HKIMT & HKJB News**

### **2004 HKIMT AGM and Dinner**

The HKIMT AGM that followed by a dinner was held at the Sheraton Hotel on 22 April 2004. A total of 27 members attended the AGM.

The AGM commenced at 18:00 hours. At the AGM Mr. Ernest W.K. CHAN, Chairman of HKIMT reported that the learned society faced the hardest time ever since in the early session due to the outbreak of Severe Acute

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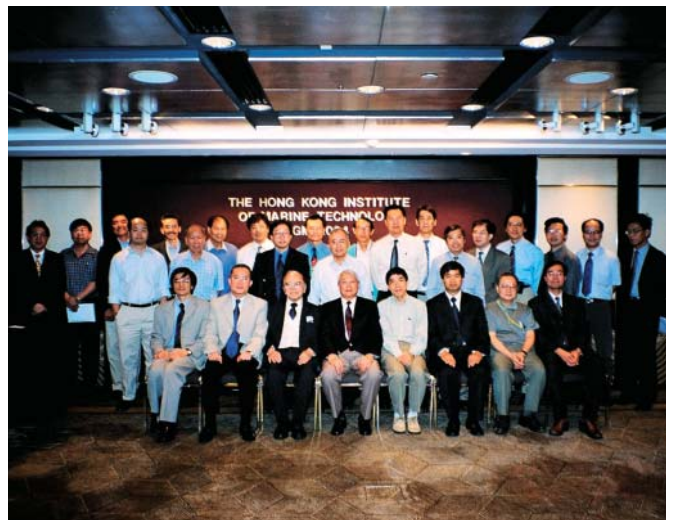
Mr. Ernest CHAN, Chairman (Left) and Dr. CW CHUEN, Hon. Sec. (Right) opened the AGM

Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). However with the concerted efforts of members HKIMT managed to reconvene and complete all the planned activities in the later part of the session. The Chairman reminded participants that one of the important tasks facing HKIMT was to increase its membership. He then further summarized the activities that the Institute had last year. Mr. CHAN also addressed members that “We had fulfilled the role as a learned society and provided technical advice and expert opinion to various Government Bodies. We had organized joint technical and social activities with other local learned societies such as HKJB of RINA and IMarEST, HKIE and CSNAME. As

HKIMT is a Member of the International Standing Committee of the Pan Asian Association of Maritime Engineering Societies, we had actively participated at the 1st working meeting held in Shanghai last year.” Before concluding the AGM a special presentation ceremony was arranged in which the Chairman presented a membership certificate to our first Honorary Fellow, Mr. FONG Wing Hong.



The Chairman presented to Mr. W.H. FONG (Left) with his “Honorary Fellow of the HKIMT” Certificate



A happy group photo together after the AGM



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A dinner was then held immediately after the AGM which was well received by members. The dinner had provided a very good opportunity for all participants to socialize and share their experience in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

*Reported by: Alan TSANG*

## HKJB Chairman Speech Evening and Long Membership Award to Mr. WORT

Subsequent to Mr. H.K. LEUNG's re-election as Chairman of the HKJB for 2004/05 at the recent AGM, a Chairman Speech Evening was held on 21 May 2004 (Friday) at the History Room, Police Officers' Club. The activity had the support of nearly 40 members inclusive of guests and a few representatives from the Institute of Seatransport.



*Group Photo at Chairman's Speech Evening*

Mr. LEUNG, the HKJB Chairman met the Branch members and took this occasion to present a "45 Years Long Service Member Certificate" to Mr. J. D. WORT. Mr. LEUNG, his second year as the Chairman, gave a brief outline of his

commitment in his coming tenure of office and he also thanked Mr. WORT for his 45 years long membership with the IMarEST. Mr. WORT commenced his maritime career as an engineering cadet by joining the Alternative Marine Engineering Apprenticeship in 1958 and joined the IMarE. He obtained his First Class Marine Engineer Certificate of Competency in 1968 and his BSc. Degree in 1974. He later settled down in Hong Kong in 1981 and operated his maritime consultancy firm since then. The award added a historical touch and members memories at the event.



*Mr. WORT received his Long Service Member Certificate with a smile from Mr. H.K. LEUNG, Chairman of HKJB*

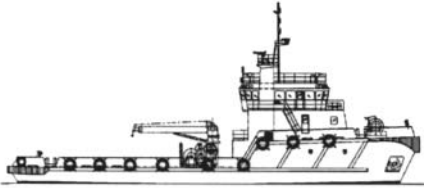
## Student Project Presentations and Career Talks

The Student Project Presentations and the Career Talks were held on 11 June 2004 (Friday) at the Gallery Room, Police Officers' Club. This is one of the major annual activities of the HKIMT.

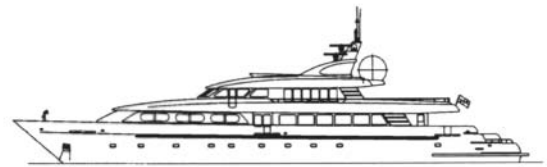
Three project presentations were given by final year students of Diploma/Higher Diploma in Maritime Technology and

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The four happy young students and Mr. Ernest CHAN, Chairman of HKIMT (Right)



Mr. Ernest CHAN, Chairman of HKIMT (Left) presenting a souvenir to Capt. Marso LAW (Right) who addressed students at the career talks

Management from the Institute of Vocational Education (Tsing Yi). One presentation was about the design of an offshore hydraulic jack-up drilling rig, the other was on the design of a forklift mobile unit and the third one was a review report on the exhaust emission from road and sea transporting system in Hong Kong. The purpose of the event is to give students incentive to improve the quality of the project study as well as giving them opportunity to practice their presentation skill. The three projects were of very high quality and were very well presented by the students.

After the project presentation Mr. Y.M. Cheng, a representative from Marine Department briefed the students on the “Incentive Scheme for Sea Cadetship” which is to be launched by the government this year in order to attract more young graduates in maritime courses to gain sea experience and become maritime professionals later. It is hoped this new initiative would boost sea employment of Hong Kong youngsters to support the continuous growth of Hong Kong Shipping Register and sustaining Hong Kong as an

international maritime center. Mr. W.C. LO, General Manager of Fenwick Shipping and Capt. Marso LAW both briefed the participants about the demanding and enjoying aspects as well as experiences of the sea career.

A dinner was followed after the presentation and the career talks. The participating students took the opportunity to socialize with their senior members and to gain a few words of wisdom from them. The event was a great success that had attracted nearly 60 students, 30 members and guests.

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## Annual Dragon Boat and Color Boat Races



*The HKIMT and HKJB color boat team members with high spirits*

The three learned societies HKJB, HKIMT and HKIE-MMNC participated in the annual Dragon Boat and Color Boat Race sporting event organized by the Sport and Recreational Club of the Marine Department in cooperation with its staff associations on 12 June 2004 at the Government Dockyard at Stonecutters Island. Including 15 invited guest teams there were over twenty teams competing in different races. The three learned societies were invited to row for the "Dragon boat industry trophy race". It was a good experience for those who did join the rowing team and everybody enjoyed very much the sunshine, the food and the beer offered by the organizer.

*Reported by: Michael LEE*



*The HKIMT Team was rowing hard for a better result*

## Article of Leisure

### **This is not a joke**

The following is the transcript of an actual radio conversation between a U.S. naval vessel and Canadian authorities off the coast of Newfoundland in October 1995. The radio conversation was released by the Chief of Naval Operations on 10 October 1995.

Americans: Please divert your course 15 degrees to the North to avoid a collision.

Canadians: Recommend you divert YOUR course 15 degrees to the South to avoid a collision.

Americans: This is the captain of a U.S. Navy ship. I say again divert your course.

Canadians: No. I say again you divert your course.

Americans: THIS IS THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS LINCOLN, THE SECOND LARGEST SHIP IN THE UNITED STATES' ATLANTIC FLEET. WE ARE ACCOMPANIED BY THREE DESTROYERS, THREE CRUISERS AND NUMEROUS SUPPORT VESSELS. I DEMAND THAT YOU CHANGE YOUR COURSE 15 DEGREES NORTH, THAT'S ONE FIVE DEGREES NORTH, OR COUNTERMEASURES WILL BE UNDERTAKEN TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THIS SHIP.

Canadians: This is a lighthouse. Your call.

### **Ounces of Brain for Sale**

A man went to a brain store to get some brain to complete a study. He sees a sign remarking on the quality of professional brain offered at this particular brain store. He begins to question the butcher about the cost of these brains.

“How much does it cost for engineer brain?”

“Three dollars an ounce.”

“How much does it cost for programmer brain?”

“Four dollars an ounce.”

“How much for lawyer brain?”

“\$1,000 an ounce.”

“Why is lawyer brain so much more?”

“Do you know how many lawyers we had to kill to get one ounce of brain?”

*Extracted from jokesandhumour.com*

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