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Marintec China 2005 – Maritime Conference & Exhibition at Shanghai

Overseas Delegates at the Forum on "Development of International Professional Societies"

At the invitation of the Shanghai Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (SSNAME), HKJB Chairman Mr. Francis Law, HKIMT Chairman Mr. S.F. Ho, IMarEST Vice President & EAD President Mr. K.S. Szeto and HKIE-MMNC Chairman Mr. H.K. Leung formed a 9-member delegation to attend the Forum on "Development of International Professional Societies" and the Marintec China 2005 maritime conference and exhibition held at Shanghai from 5th - 9th December.

The Hong Kong delegation arrived Shanghai in the afternoon of 5th December on time to attend the Forum that was held at the Magnolia Hall of Jin Jiang Tower. After the welcome speech with the title "Supporting Each Other, Strengthening Cooperation and Pushing Development of International Maritime Engineering Societies" by Prof. Zhang Shengkun, President of SSNAME, representatives of the nine invited overseas maritime societies which including those from Hong Kong, each has made a 15-20 minutes presentation and followed by discussions. HKIMT had Mr. S.F. Ho given a speech on "Knowledge Sharing and Innovation Improvement through Clustering". HKJB, IMarEST and HKIE-MMNC had Messrs. Michael Lee, K.S. Szeto and H.K. Leung given speeches reporting the

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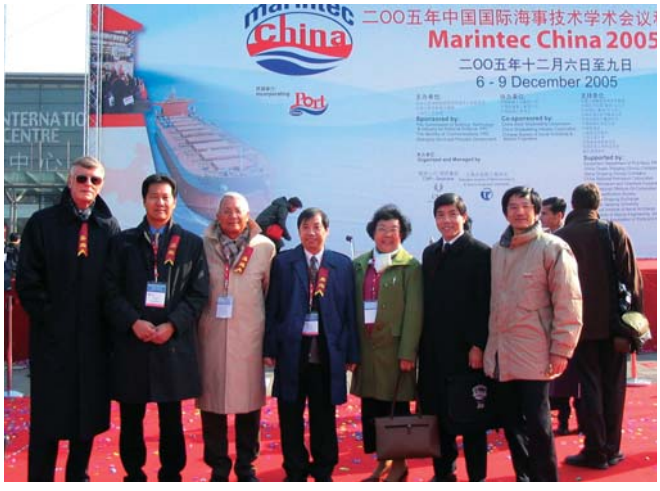

Opening Ceremony of the Conference and Exhibition

latest developments of their respective societies. After the Forum, SSNAME hosted a welcome banquet for all the participants in the same hall. At the banquet recepttion, Mr. K.S. Szeto was invited to represent the Hong Kong delegation to toast all participants good health and to thank the SSNAME for the warm hospitality.

The Marintec China 2005 was inaugurated at 9:30 am on 6th December at the hall entrance of the Shanghai New International Expo Center (SNIEC) in Pudong. After the opening ceremony, a brief tour of the exhibition for all the VIPs was conducted. There were 15 national pavilions and over 1,000 exhibiting companies from 28 countries and regions showcased their latest technologies and services for the maritime industry. It appeared that China's rising investments in the maritime and shipbuilding industries have substantial implications for global maritime services and equipment suppliers. In the afternoon, the Hong Kong delegation joined the other VIPs and attended the Senior Maritime Forum at the Renaissance Shanghai Pudong Hotel. The Senior Maritime Forum, a conference dedicated to the exchange of information and ideas about the trends and development of shipbuilding and under the theme of "New Trends in the Shipping Industry and New Developments in the Shipbuilding Industry in Present World", was run concurrently with the Marintec China exhibition from 5th-8th December. The conference attracted 25 distinguished speakers to share their visions and insights under 5 topics. At the close of the day's event, we attended a Welcome Reception hosted by the Commission of Science, Technology and Industry for National Defence, PRC, the Ministry of Communications, PRC, and Shanghai Municipal People's Government in the Grand Ballroom of the Shanghai International Convention Center.

In the morning of 7th December, SSNAME arranged a visit of the Shanghai Waigaoqiao Shipyard, which is by far China's largest and most advanced shipyard, for

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Visit the Ship Model Towing Tank of the Shanghai Jiao Tong University

delegates from Hong Kong, Korea and Singapore. We were greeted by the Administration Manager Mr. Feng Xuebao on arriving at the shipyard and were given a very comprehensive introduction of the facilities and development of the shipyard with the aid of a video show in the conference room. The visit ended with a coach tour of the shipyard premises. In the afternoon, four of the delegation members, including the Chairman and Hon. Secretary of HKIMT, left the conference to visit the State Key Laboratory of Ocean Engineering of the Shanghai Jiao Tong University. Accompanied by Professor Li Runpui, the Director of the laboratory, the eye-opening visit had covered the Ocean Engineering Basin, the Ship Model Towing Tank and the Laboratory of Underwater Engineering.

Most members of the Hong Kong delegation departed Shanghai on 8th December after the close of the Senior Maritime Forum that only had a morning session on "New Service Areas in the Maritime Industry" leaving a couple of members who stayed for an extra day to visit to the exhibition.

Reported by S.F. Ho

HKIMT & HKJB News

2005 ANNUAL BALL JOINTLY ORGANIZED BY HKIMT with The HKJB OF RINA & IMarEST

The 2005 Annual Ball jointly organized by HKIMT with The HKJB of RINA & IMarEST had been held at the splendid Ballroom of Kowloon Shangri-La Hotel, Tsimshatsui on Friday 18 November 2005. The function was a great success with a full house of 28 tables.

We have great honour to have The Hon. Mrs. Selina Chow, Chairman of Hong Kong Tourism Board as the Guest of Honour for the function. Other VIP guests included Mr. S Y Tsui, Director of Marine, Hon. Ms. Miriam Lau, Legislative Councilor for the Transport Functional Constituency, Ir. Dr. Raymond Ho, Legislative Councilor for the Engineering Functional Constituency, Mr. M H Liang, Hon President of HKIMT, Mr. Keith Read, Director General of IMarEST, Mr. K.S. Szeto, Vice President of IMarEST for East Asia Division, Mr. Hu Guo Liang, President of GSNAME, Mr. Tang, President of Shenzhen SNAME and representatives from Macau SAR to attend the Ball.

The Annual Ball this year was an enjoyable one. We were very pleased to have solicited 28 tables, which made it a grand function for members and guests. It was the Eighth year we introduced "Dinner Sponsor" for the function. The fact that we were able to solicit 22 Dinner Sponsors well demonstrated that we had enormous support from the Maritime and related industries in Hong Kong.

The venue for the function was nicely decorated with table prizes and bottles of wine, creating the mood for

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relaxation and enjoyment. Reception was nicely set with committee members greeting VIPs and guests. Members and guests enjoyed pre-cocktail drinks in a relaxing atmosphere with light music and friendly talks.

The Programme for the Annual Ball this year was substantial and entertaining. Our Guest of Honour Mrs. Selina Chow gave us an enlighting keynote speech on the intimate relationship between Maritime Industry and the Tourism in Hong Kong. Important speeches were also made by Mr. S F Ho, Chairman of HKIMT and Mr. Francis Law, Chairman of HKJB. In order to show our appreciation for the unfailing support of our Dinner Sponsors, each of them was presented with a big bottle of red wine. All council members of the HKIMT and HKJB and were invited to proceed onto the stage to propose a toast to all members and guests to thank them for their participation and support.

Table prizes were arranged in addition to the Lucky Draw which brought more joy and happiness to the whole party. The 4-course dinner was delicious and well received. The superb singing performance by Ms Ginger Kwan brought us back to the eighties and all members and guests enjoyed themselves immensely in rock & roll, disco, cha cha cha, slow waltz, drinking & socializing until the whole function finished at around 1:00 am.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the Ball Organizing Committee – Mr. H K Leung, Mr. Michael Lee, Mr. Albert Lo, Mr. K F Tang, Mr. C K Mak, Mr. K S Szeto, Mr. Alan Tsang, Dr. K S Fung, Mr. Ernest Chan, Mr. David Power and Mr. Laxman Kumar for their hard work and support. I must thank all council members and Ms. Annie Wan & Dr. C W Chuen in particular, as M.C.s of our grand function. To all our Dinner Sponsors, Gift sponsors and participants who have contributed to make the event a great success, please accept my grateful thanks & appreciation again !

For those who have attended the annual ball this year, I am sure you would continue to support the function next year and for those who have missed the function, please come and join us for great fun next year !

Members & friends, attached please find some photos showing highlights of the Annual Ball for our good memories !

A keynote speech presented by Guest of Honour of the event, Hon. Mrs. Selina Chow, Chairman of HKTB, with few key messages are summarized as follows: –

"Thanks you so much for your kind invitation to your Annual Ball this evening. I'm honoured to have the opportunity to address so many maritime experts on the intimate relationship between Hong Kong's role as one of the world's leading ports and our position as Asia's preferred tourism destination.

Indeed, Hong Kong's growth into a major world centre could not have been possible without our wonderful deep-water harbour. In less than 200 years, this magnificent anchorage was transformed from a shelter for coastal fishermen and traders into China's leading

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The Hon. Mrs. Selina Chow delivering her keynote address

entreport, and ultimately into what it is today: the world's busiest container port.

This Development has not only benefited our shipping and trading industries, but also our tourism business. In fact, the most recent expression of the deep ties between shipping and tourism is the new Hong Kong Maritime Museum, a privately funded venture that opened in Stanley just over months ago. And so further emphasise the relevance of our maritime heritage to Hong Kong's appeal as a destination, we're proud to use the "junk" as the logo of the Hong Kong Tourism Board.

Just as Hong Kong has evolved into a global shipping centre, tourism has grown unto one of our most successful industries. Last year we welcomed a record 21.8million visitors, which took us to 7th Place in the World Tourism Organization's listing of the top destinations – the highest-ever achieved by a single city. This year we're consolidated those gain a with a 7.6% increase in arrival between January to September, and double-digit growth from almost every long-haul market. ....."

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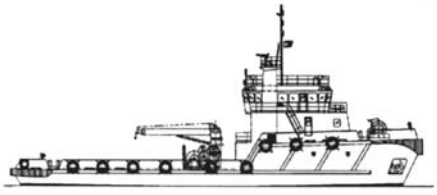

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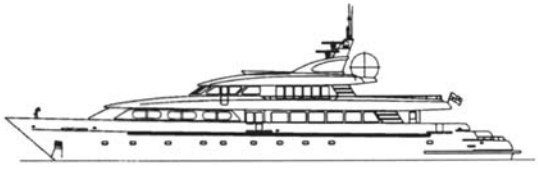

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Seminar on Professional Review Interview

The seminar was held on 1 Nov 2005 in the Police Officers' Club and presented by Mr. Graham Hockley of IMarEST HQ and Dr. John Chudley of Plymouth University. Around 10 local committee members and invited representatives from local institutions attended. The event was mainly for the benefit of Branch committee members who would conduct professional review interviews for membership with the aim to enhance their knowledge and skills in handling those sessions.

Attendees with speaker at front center

Ir. HK LEUNG (Chairman of HKIE-MMNC) and Prof. CHAN at Q&A

Talk on Zheng He Ocean Voyages Exploration – Success and Lesson Learnt

The talk on "Zheng He Ocean Voyages" was given by Prof. CHAN Kai Wing on 4 Nov 2005 held at HKIE HQ and was attended by 35 participants. He started with some background of the historical voyages ventured by the renown great voyager Zheng He at some 600 years ago and the associated achievements in weaponry, naval engineering and navigation etc. He gave some analysis on why such grand ocean voyage fleet and achievements in those days failed to initiate and propel the modernization of China at that time. After dwelling on some details, Prof. CHAN summed up few crucial points of lesson learnt such as the failure in furthering development of technology, innovation and systematic

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Ir. Francis LAW (Chairman of HKJB) and Ir. SF HO (Chairman of HKIMT) jointly presented a souvenir to the speaker.

engineering documentation; practicing expansionism and extravagance; state monopolism but not market economy etc.

Seminar on (1) Survey System for Local vessels under New Ordinance and (2) The Engineer in the Shrinking World Globalization

The seminar was held on 14 November 2005 at HKIE HQ and attracted some 50 participants. Mr. BS Makhija, a marine consultant, began his talk on that the accelerating pace of globalization in the last two decades was catapulting China and India from mere developing Third World nations to heights that could transform them to world's leading economic powers by the middle of this century. In our shrinking world these were no longer the concerns of just individual nations but us all. These were exciting times for scientists and engineers who must find innovative answers to such problems. He demonstrated with figures of economy growth in different economies and regions and he projected that up until better solutions were found, all heavily polluting old industrial plants and fuel guzzling motor vehicles should be phased out. And to forestall further aggravating our ills, any new power generating plants should use Nuclear Energy in the near term, followed by the envisioned Fusion Power in due course and so on. The talk was accompanied by many intriguing thoughts and rich contents for the audience.

Mr. MY CHAN (speaker) and Mr. Alan TSANG (Vice Chairman of HKJB)

Attendees at HKIE HQ with Mr. Makhija at the front row.

Mr. MY CHAN, Senior Surveyor of Marine Department of HKSAR, delivered his talk on "Survey System for Local Vessels under the New Ordinance" by firstly introducing the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance, which will soon be brought into force.

He went on to explain the need and the changes of the survey system for local vessels which with merits on

Mr. SB Makhija (speaker) and Mr. SF HO (Chairman of HKIMT)

transparency, flexibility and private sector professional practice etc.. and give a comparison on the existing and future survey systems for local vessels. Some concerns of local vessels industry regarding the new survey system were explained and he stressed the importance on tripartite inter-relationship and commitment, i.e. government, owners and private practice under the new system.

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COMING EVENTS : –

(Watch out from circular or web-site ***http://www.hkimt.org.hk*** *for details)*

- 30th AGM of HKJB on 23 February 2006
- Technical Visit at Guangzhou, end March 2006
- AGM (2006) of HKIMT on 21 April 2006

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A toast to all our guests by our Council members

A happy gathering of delegates from Mainland China

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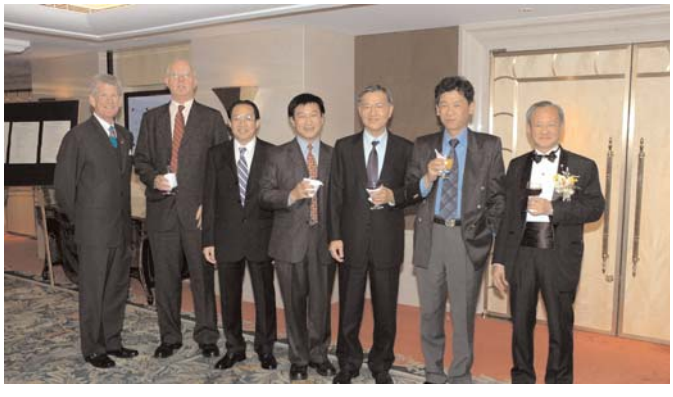

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Council members greeting Ir. Dr. Raymond Ho

Mr. & Mrs. Keith Read of IMarEST attending our Ball

A group photo of our Scottish friends

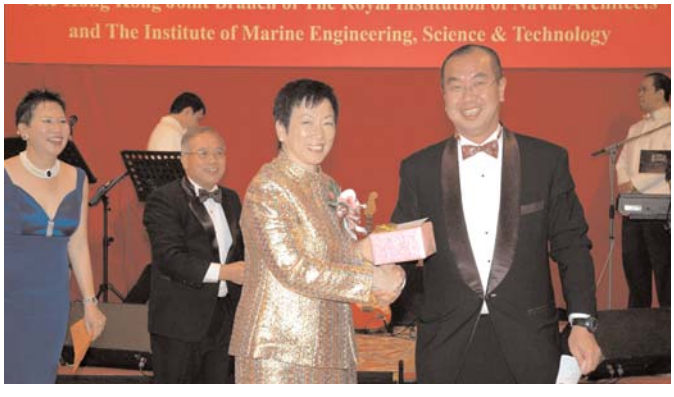
PHOTO GALLERY 2005 Annual Ball

Chairmen of our Institutes greeting our VIP guests

Head table beautifully set up

A special toast to all our guests & friends

Superb singing performance by Ms. Ginger Kwan



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