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Shipping & Maritime News

The Sea Life Experience of A Young Seafarer

My nine months of engineer cadet sea service on a passenger ship finished last month. It is a valuable experience of working with people from different countries onboard a ship. It is true that the seagoing life is much tougher than I have expected but the efforts spent in the determination to overcome all the obstacles returned me a successful reward. Thanks to God, I got a pass in the Marine Engineer Officer (Class 3) examination.

In recollection, when I was given the opportunity to work on board, I did not worry about the living or working condition. My major concern was the communications with people of different culture and how to speak good English as well as Mandarin.

In the first few weeks, I was not only facing with difficulties on understanding of people with different accents of speaking English but also fitting in the new habitation. At that time, I had thought about to quit, but

The Diesel Generator and myself

Myself and the Chief Engineer

eventually I acclimatized myself to living and working in a new place on a ship. When I look back on those days I realize that I have not done fair enough in taking the challenge and I really need extra support when in time of trial.

There were two remarkable things I experinced: At my first time entering into the engine room under steaming, with the door just opened a little, a breath of hot air coming from the slit had made me a bit suffocated.

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A Memorable Party

Luckily, I could pull the door fully open and withstand the temperature. When staying in the engine room, I was sweating without stopping due to the high temperature which was greater than 40°C. After 15 minutes, I felt dizzy and had to go back to the office for a rest and drinking of water.

The other was a surprised party – on my birthday. A team of crewmembers held a party to celebrate my first birthday at sea in the bar. They prepared a birthday cake for me. We all had a great time dancing and singing together. That night, I was like a little princess.

Having those experience, I can tell you that the seafarer's life is not that boring. In fact, we are living, working and playing together like sisters and brothers as a family. Moreover, different cultures of people on board could broaden my horizons.

***** Shared by Match Siu † *****

† Match Siu is a girl, who graduated two years ago with a Higher Diploma in Maritime Technology and Management.

New IMO Requirements on Ships' Coating for Seawater Ballast Tank and Identification Tracking

The issue on global coating standard proposal was scheduled for discussion and approval in IMO meeting of May 2006. The new coating standard, if approved, would apply to corrosion prevention of dedicated seawater ballast tanks in all types of ship of 500 grt or more and to double-side skin spaces of bulk carriers with a length of 150m of or more carrying high-density cargoes. In the meeting of same month, the issue on the new requirements for long-range identification and tracking of ships relating to security and safety grounds would also be brought up for discussion and approval. The new requirements apply to all merchant ships of more than 300grt, trading in international waters, to be fitted with the required equipment. If these proposals were approved, they would come into force likely in around 2008.

HKIMT & HKJB NEWS

Talk on Marine Parks

A technical talk on "Marine Parks & Marine Ecological Resources and their Values" jointly organized with HKIE-MMNC was held on 6 March 2006 (Monday) at the seminar room of HKIE HQ.

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The speaker, Miss Janice LUN, is currently working as Marine Parks Officer/Management and Enforcement in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) of HKSAR. She graduated at and have her master of philosophy conferred at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and then worked as an environmental consultant, specializing in marine ecology, before joining the AFCD in 1998.

The aim of her talk is to share her knowledge with our engineer members on both marine ecology and conservation in Hong Kong and to arouse their interests on the conservation of marine environment / resources and their values in the society, to increase the understanding on marine environment so as to arouse their concerns on and gain their support to marine parks management and other marine conservation programme in Hong Kong. The essential information of her talk is broadly summarized as follows.

The audience

Background – Hong Kong is one of the busiest ports in the world and part of its coastline has been reclaimed for accommodating the increasing population and economic growth. Fortunately, much of Hong Kong coastline and the diverse marine life still remains. However, these areas are threatened by the impacts of sewage, dredging, dumping, reclamation and other

A vivid talk on marine lives

forms of threats such as destructive fishing. There is a need to protect and conserve the marine environment for the purposes of conservation, education and recreation.

Law – The enactment of Marine Parks Ordinance (Cap. 476) in 1995 laid the milestone of marine conservation in Hong Kong. The Marine Parks and Marine Reserves Regulation was enacted in July 1996 to provide for the prohibition and control certain activities in marine parks or marine reserves.

Designated Marine Parks and Reserve – four marine parks and one marine reserve were designated, many in1996 and Tung Ping Chua in 2001. Their locatio and areas are briefly given as below:–

Hoi Ha Wan Marine Park is a sheltered bay located north of the Sai Kung West Country Park. It covers an area of about 260 hectares.

Yan Chau Tong Marine Park located on the north east coast of Plover Cove Country Park. The total sea area of this marine park is about 680 hectares and is made up of two portions; (1) The first portion at Yan Chau Tong (Double Haven) ; (2) the second portion is located next to Lai Chi Wo.

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Sha Chau and Lung Kwu Chau Marine Park – It covers a total sea area of about 1,200 hectares. The boundary is demarcated by yellow light buoys deployed at the corners of the marine park ;

Tung Ping Chau Maine Park – The marine park occupies a sea area of about 270 hectares which enclosed the small island Ping Chau in the Mirs Bay on the northeastern water of Hong Kong; and

Cape D'Aguilar Marine Reserve – It lies in the southeastern tip of Hong Kong Island. The total sea area of this marine reserve is about 20 hectares.

Valuable Lesson

Ms LUN demonstrated to the audience with many photographs of different kinds of beautiful marine lives, fishes, corals and underwater marine conservation sites which have been around and with us for many years. It was a valuable lesson and experience taught and enjoyed by the audience.

Souvenir Presentation

Tung Ping Chau Maine Park with those layer shape rocks showing effect of long-term wave and weather erosion.

HKIMT Annual General Meeting 2006

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of The Hong Kong Institute of Marine Technology (HKIMT) was held on 21st April 2006 (Friday) at 6.00 p.m. in the History Room of the Police Officers' Club. This year's AGM was an important milestone for HKIMT as the Institute turns 15 and earmarks its 15 years of services to the marine community in Hong Kong. The meeting was well attended and, to celebrate the birthday of the Institute, each member presented was given a 15th anniversary mug as souvenir.

The AGM was concluded with the Chairman Mr. S.F. Ho inviting the retiring Director of Marine, Dr. S.Y. Tsui to present certificates of appreciation to a number of past Chairmen attending the meeting.

The 125th General Council Meeting was held immediately after the AGM to elect Chairman, Vice Chairman and Chairmen of Sub-committees for 2006-07

The General Council for 2006-07:

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The General Council Meeting was followed with a buffet dinner for participants to meet with fellow members and share the joy of the evening together.

Certificate of Appreciation presented to Past Chairman Francis Law (1992-1994)

Certificate of Appreciation presented to Past Chairman K.S. Szeto (1996-1998)

Certificate of Appreciation presented to Past Chairman Alan Tsang (1998-2000)

Certificate of Appreciation presented to Past Chairman Ernest Chan (2003-2005)

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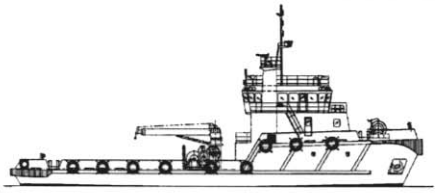

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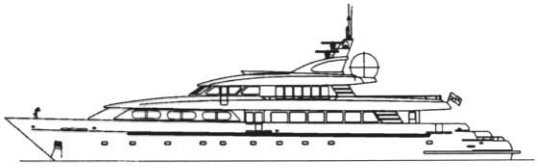

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Technical Visit in Guangzhou

A technical visit was organized to South China University of Technology（華南理工大學）and the Guangzhou Maritime College（廣州高等專科學校）on 7~8 April 2006 (Friday to Saturday) jointly participated by HKIE-MMNC, HKIMT and HKJB of RINA & IMarEST with 30 members attended the event. The objective is to allow members to explore and understand more of the PRC's professional education and their facilities especially in naval architecture and marine engineering.

Taking the opportunity on the 7th April, twelve HK members made a courtesy visit to Guangdong SNAME and attended the MMNC MOU signing reception evening and stayed one night in the Hotel Landmark Canton（華廈酒店）.

MMNC Chairman Ir. HK LEUNG exchanged the MOU with GSNAME President Mr. HU Guoliang（胡國良）after signing

Student welcome team in parade at the gate

Introduction of the College by the Principal at the hall of Guangzhou Maritime college

Chairman Ir. HK LEUNG presented a souvenir plate to the Principal at the Guangzhou Maritime college

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Marine Engine system demo unit

Group photo at South China University of Technology

In the morning of 8 April, coach pickups were arranged at the lobby of Hotel Landmark Canton and at the Guangzhou East Railway Station for the visit of the Guangzhou Maritime College.

The visiting delegation was welcome to at the gate of college by the salute greeting of a team of students in smart uniforms. We were gathered at the hall of the college by giving a brief introduction by the Principal. Later on, we were shown round to ship control and engine room simulation facilities with demonstration of navigation control of a ship in port condition and engine control simulations. The visiting delegation were amazed and enjoyed the near real condition facilities and demos and facilities in the engine control room as well as the workshop tour.

Group Photo at the front of the Chief Engineers Building and Student Activity Centre.

At noon, the visiting delegation enjoyed a good lunch in South China University of Technology. Afterwards, a visit made to the facilities of Research Institute of Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering of the University, and we were introduced to the large ship's model towing water tank for carrying out ship resistance and propulsion tests and wave generation water tank for ocean and port engineering testing.

After the tour, a friendship football match with GSNAME was held in the mid afternoon at the university stadium. Both sides were seriously prepared and had few group photos in front of the big welcome banner. We had 14 players with high spirit, most in full gears, for the match. It was a spectacular game with excellent performance of both sides. The HK team dominated a good portion of the time in first half of the game with a few near goals. Although we lost 3 : 0 at the

GSNAME team in orange shirts and HK Team in white shirts

HK members football team in action

end, we demonstrated good team spirit and maintained friendship atmosphere during the game. I am sure that we can have better result next time. A farewell dinner was followed before returning Hong Kong.

In conclusion, the Guangdong visit event was quite fruitful and enjoyable. On behalf of HK learned societies, I must say a word of thanks to Guangdong SNAME for their assistance in the flawless arrangement and hospitality in rendering the event so successful.

Reported by Michael LEE

Farewell hand waving by the college students

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Article of Leisure

Prove the formula : WOMAN = PROBLEM

1) If you need a woman, you got to have spare time and spare money.
   i.e. Woman = Time x Money . . . . . (A)

2) Time is Money
   i.e. Time = Money . . . . . (B)

3) Combining (A) & (B)
   i.e. Woman = Money^2 . . . . . (C)

4) Money is a root of Problems
   i.e. Money = $\sqrt{\ }$Problems . . . . . (D)

5) Combining (C) & (D)
   i.e. Woman = Problem . . . . . .(Final)

Q.E.D.
Ir YC Tang

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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
Hon Assistant Secretary
Hon Treasurer

Committee members:–

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

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

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 arbitrate 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.

Hon. Assistant 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 presentation, 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 the 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.

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