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## TOSSING TO TRIPARTISM

Lunar New Year Luncheon & Hong Bao Presentation 2013

Guest-of-Honour

**Ms Grace Fu**

Minister, Prime Minister's Office

Second Minister for Environment and Water Resources &

Second Minister for Foreign Affairs



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# CELEBRATING TRIPARTISM IN THE NEW YEAR

## SMOU & WAVELINK LUNAR NEW YEAR LUNCHEON HONG BAO PRESENTATION 2013

The boisterous sounds of the lion dance troupe that accompanied Ms Grace Fu, Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Environment and Water Resources, Second Minister for Foreign Affairs, into the Fairmont ballroom was befitting the grand occasion.

The SMOU and Wavelink Lunar New Year celebration on 20 February 2013 kicked off a series of events that saw the presentation of 700 hong baos to senior citizens from various community homes as well as the SMOU members.

Not only was SMOU ushering in the year of the Water Snake and celebrating the post Valentine's Day, the Union recognised the milestone of Executive Secretary Mary Liew's first anniversary in the Parliament.

While the year of the Dragon saw the appointment of a woman minister in parliament, Ms Grace Fu, it also welcomed the first woman speaker in Parliament, Madam Halimah Yacob.

***"Our hope in the Year of the Snake is that we will be able to see more capable women assuming higher office," Ms Liew said.***

### **Mutual Respect, Trust, Consultation and Co-operation**

Looking back, the union's Executive Secretary described the dragon year as a 'challenging year' for the tripartite partners. Calling for mutual respect, trust, consultation and co-operation, Ms Liew cautioned: "Just like in any relationships within a family, if not carefully nurtured, relationships with difficulties and differences can easily fall apart. However, relationships with difficulties can actually also pull through and become stronger if we continue to work on the solid principles of bipartism and tripartism."



ES Mary Liew and Minister Grace Fu distributing hong baos to SMOU members



Young SMOU with MP Alex Yam, Choa Chu Kang GRC and Head of NTUC YouthLab, with SMOU members

## CELEBRATING TRIPARTISM IN THE NEW YEAR

She went on to encourage the tripartite partners to work together to build a Singapore core of 20 per cent local seafaring officers to work onboard the Singapore fleet by 2030. She affirmed SMOU's support to Singapore Maritime Academy to train more Singaporeans as well as the Tripartite Nautical Training Award (TNTA) programme which is initiated by SMOU and its partners, e2i, WDA and SSA. To the employers, she opined:

"We urge our shipping companies to provide training berths and placement for our Singaporean cadets."

### Rethink to Restructure

In her off-the-cuff speech, Guest-of-Honour Ms Grace Fu spoke at length on the issues stemming from the Population White Paper. As the audience listened in rapt attention, Ms Fu explained the need to plan ahead and optimise resources; to rethink in order to restructure Singapore's economy. The White Paper is "a work in progress" and provides a framework for contents and ideas to be shaped by stakeholders.

"We should continue to work hard... We should always aim for higher productivity," Ms Fu said.

With that, the more than 1,000 guests stood up and tossed for a good future with the traditional lo hei and shared a hearty lunch.



Capt Robin Foo (second row, third from left) together with SMOU Advisor Mr Zulkiffi Mohd and SMOU members



SMOU members enjoying the celebrations



SMOU Trustee Mr Matthias Yao (in white), NTUC President, Ms Diana Chia (in red), SSA President Mr Patrick Phoon (2nd from left), with guests

# CELEBRATING TRIPARTISM IN THE NEW YEAR



(From left) SSA President Mr Patrick Phoon, SMF Executive Director Mr David Chin, SMA Director Mr Roland Tan, and PACC Director Mr Lim Tau Kok

(From left) SMOU Exco Mr Yong Soon Huat, Mr Patrick Tay, MP for Nee Soon GRC, with an SMOU member



***"This is my third time celebrating Lunar New Year with SMOU, and I think it's a very good thing that the union is doing for the elderly folks. We get to talk with each other a little more since we don't usually interact with everyone in the home. I'm having a very good time here."***

– 91 year-old Mr Pang Chin Chong from Henderson Senior Citizens Home



***"This is my first Lunar New Year lunch event since 1990. I am pleasantly surprised to receive hongbao after years of missing this event."***

– Mr Sultanali M Jinnah, member since 1986

# USHERING IN A NEW YEAR THE YOUNG SMOU WAY

A warm gesture of care can go a long way – and during the celebratory season of the Lunar New Year, the Young SMOU took the occasion to do just that – to show a little kindness to the senior citizens from Jalan Besar as well as beneficiaries from Care Community, Hope Community Services Centre and Jamiyah Home for Aged.

These special guests were treated to a feast of familiar songs and good food at the Lighthouse Bistro on 21 and 23 February 2013. Joining the senior folks living in the Jalan Besar neighbourhood was Member of Parliament for Moulmein-Kallang GRC, Mr Edwin Tong, while Member of Parliament for Pasir Ris-Punggol GRC and SMOU Advisor, Mr Gan Thiam Poh was the Guest-of-Honour for the event that had 100 seniors attending from various community homes.



MP Edwin Tong, Moulmein-Kallang GRC (centre in pink), with ES Mary Liew, President Capt Robin Foo, SMOU Exco, Young SMOU, and officials from the Jalan Besar Constituency

## USHERING IN A NEW YEAR THE YOUNG SMOU WAY

With delight and appreciation, the guests received hongbao and goodie bags filled with practical items such as medicated oil, soap, instant noodles, biscuits, face towel and more.

With fun, laughter and a heart filled with renewed hope, the senior citizens ushered in the Year of the Snake the Young SMOU way.



*Young SMOU together with the guests from various community homes*



*MP Gan Thiam Poh, Pasir Ris-Punggol GRC, (centre in white), together with President Capt Robin Foo, GS Thomas Tay, ES Mary Liew, officials from the homes and Young SMOU*

# TNTA RECRUITMENT DRIVE SEEKS OUT NEW CADETS



Five sessions of recruitment exercises held at various community centres and e2i (Employment and Employability Institute) saw the attendance of some 250 men and women who applied for the Tripartite Nautical Training Award (TNTA) programme. From this, 150 of them were selected to go for a second round of interview.



*TNTA cadets from the previous three intakes share their exciting experiences*

# TNTA RECRUITMENT DRIVE SEEKS OUT NEW CADETS

The recruitment sessions, held in January and February 2013, had the hopefuls briefed by e2i representatives, SMOU officials, WMI officials, and officials from shipping companies. Potential candidates got to enjoy casual exchanges with previous batches of TNTA cadets to learn more about their experiences from the TNTA programme. Shipping employers present at selected recruitment sessions managed to assess candidates on the spot. These shipping companies included AET, NSSPL, and Wallenius.



Mr Larry Chan from WMI sharing his seafaring experiences



Young SMOU Shawn Hoe answering queries from potential candidates



Captain Stanley Siow from NSSPL talks about his life at sea



Captain Nordin Mohamed Rais from Wallenius Marine Singapore Pte Ltd answering queries about sea life



Captain Anthony Khoo from PACC addressing the potential candidates

# HKSU VISITS SMOU

SMOU had the honour and privilege of hosting official visits from its 'family' of maritime unions from all over the world, including Hong Kong.

Delegates from the Hong Kong Seamen's Union (HKSU) visited SMOU on 30 January 2013, where maritime unionists had talks on various issues ranging from training initiatives to membership and welfare programmes. SMOU officials who were there to welcome HKSU included General Secretary Mr Thomas Tay, President Captain Robin Foo, Executive Secretary Ms Mary Liew, National Division Secretariat Mr Wilfred Thiang and Industrial Relations Manager Mr Gwee Guo Duan.

The Hong Kong delegation had a deeper understanding of SMOU's efforts in growing its membership and how the union strives to stay relevant to the times. Both unions exchanged knowledge on the type of seafarers' welfare programmes available; and their respective maritime training initiatives. The insightful talks ended with a hearty meal at the Lighthouse Bistro.



# ITF SEAFARERS' UNIONS DINE AT LIGHTHOUSE BISTRO

On 30 January, Wavelink Building was teeming with international delegates from the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) affiliates from all over the world. To many of the ITF delegates and in particular Mr Stephen Cotton, Acting General-Secretary for ITF, this wasn't their first visit to Singapore. SMOU hosted a dinner which was filled with cordial and meaningful exchanges of experiences of maritime work.

In early celebrations of the Lunar New Year, SMOU "raised a toss" to good health and relations with its guests. SMOU and ITF delegates did the traditional yu sheng (raw fish salad) toss, declaring and exchanging well wishes to one another.

Here at SMOU's refuge for mariners, many ties are forged over a meal at the Lighthouse Bistro.



*Mr German Pascua Jr from PSU (seated, first on left), and Mr Hanafi Rustandi from KPI (seated, first on right) together with international guests and SMOU officials*



*(Second from left) IMEC Secretary-General Mr Giles Heimann, (third from left) ITF Acting General Secretary Mr Stephen Cotton, GS Thomas Tay, and ES Mary Liew*

# CLOSING IN ON FOC VESSELS



The International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) closed in on 'Flags of Convenience' (FOC) ships visiting ports in South East Asia. The ITF Week of Action, by ITF Unions against FOC ships was carried out in designated ports in Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia and the Philippines from 21 to 25 January 2013.

During the week long campaign, a total of 67 inspections were carried out to check if merchant vessels were covered by ITF approved agreements that stipulate decent and negotiated wages, and ship board conditions for crew members. The inspections led to notices of warnings issued to errant companies and claims for unpaid wages.

Here are some of the highlights of the campaign.

### Illegal vessel found

A Chinese owned, Togo flagged Ocean Dream, anchored off the waters of Laem Chabang in Thailand was discovered. Although official port records showed the vessel had sailed off on 19 October 2012, the vessel was seen parked some 20 nautical miles away and used for cruise trips. Some 140 Chinese and Burmese crew, including 30 young girls were found to be living illegally onboard the vessel with expired visas and unpaid wages. Living conditions were appalling with scarce rations and water supply. ITF Unions listed out follow up action with the help of Thai authorities.



## CLOSING IN ON FOC VESSELS

### More Seafarers Needing Intervention

On other inspections, ITF teams and activists from other participating unions found vessels which were faced with wage issues.

In the Philippines, inspectors issued warnings for low wages to two ships in Cebu. One inspector in Manila took up the case of 10 Tanzanian crew who were owed wages amounting to US\$13,000, and assisted them in getting the medical attention they required.

In Jakarta, Action Week was delayed due to the heavy rains and flood situations. Six vessels were inspected and union activists reported being offered bribes by a ship Master to overlook the poor accommodation conditions onboard.

### In Singapore

Union activists found a reluctant Master who refused to disclose crew wage details. Onboard Panama and Singapore-flagged vessels, union activists found expired contracts and the unavailability of individual employment contracts for inspection.

Warnings were issued to respective owner companies and unions of all affected vessels, and in the next port of call for follow up action.

***“The week long action has been a good experience for the South East Asia maritime Unions. More than anything else these inspections have sent a clear warning to shipping companies that they will not get away with ignoring the application of internationally accepted pay and conditions standards on board their ships.”*** – Mr Sangam Tripathy, ITF Asia Pacific Assistant Regional Secretary



***“From the many grievance cases I have seen, most of them have a commonality of coming from FOC vessels. Hence, I take extra effort in persuading seafarers of all nationalities to work for national flag vessels protected by an ITF approved Collective Bargaining Agreement. I hope that through our efforts we can improve the working conditions of all seafarers for the betterment of their families.”*** – Mr Daylen Tan, IR Officer

# COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT CONCLUDED WITH POSH

Seafarers onboard Posh offshore vessels can look forward to continued welfare and care by SMOU after the Collective Agreement (CA) was concluded on 16 January 2013. Director of Posh Fleet Services Pte Ltd, Mr Lim Tau Kok, and General Manager, Mr Chan Joo Huat were present to sign the CA with SMOU officials.



# TO THE RESCUE OF A FOREIGN SEAFARER

The work of SMOU Industrial Relations (IR) does not just benefit Singapore seafarers, but also extends to foreign seafarers, as long as they are in need.

One such case is the wages owed to a Sri Lankan Captain who did not receive sick leave wages from his shipping company during the time he was admitted to hospital after falling ill. He and his parents sought the help of IR Officer, Mr Terence Tan, who then raised the issue with the shipping company. Eventually, with the help of the union, Captain Perera managed to recover a sum amounting to \$12,000.



***“My son and I are very happy to visit SMOU to show our gratitude for the assistance given to me to claim my son’s wages. A special thank you to Mr Terence Tan for keeping us informed of the actions taken with the shipping company. Without the intervention of the union, we would not have received the wages that was due. My son and I are happy that there is a union who cares for the rights of seafarers.”***

- Mrs Chrisanthi Perera, mother of Captain M.P. Perera

# A SPECIAL MOVIE TREAT

SMOU brought together more than 550 members, their family members, and single mums and children from the Women's Development Secretariat (WDS) WeCare for U Project for a special screening of the animated movie, Wreck-It Ralph at Golden Village @ VivoCity on 22 December 2013.



# SHOPPING FOR LUNAR NEW YEAR GOODIES

SMOU members journeyed across the causeway to Johor to indulge in a one-day shopping trip on 26 January 2013.



# MAGDELINE'S HEART OF GOLD

Almost every Wednesday for the past 10 years, SMOU General Council member Magdeline Boon will be seen spending time with the folks at the SMOU adopted Henderson Senior Citizens Home.

***"I serve the seniors by bringing some sunshine into their lives and providing a listening ear,"*** said Magdeline, SMOU member of 30 years.

Before the Lunar New Year celebration, she taught the seniors how to make and decorate with home made lanterns. Her act of care did not end there. Magdeline raised funds by selling the seniors' handicrafts bringing both pride to the seniors as well as funds to the home.

The smiles and friendship offered by the seniors attest to Magdeline's commitment to brighten their lives.

For her spirit of caring, NTUC Eldercare presented her with the Volunteer Appreciation Long service award. On 12 January 2013, the Co-operative organised a special event over lunch to appreciate kind hearted people like Magdeline who have been faithfully serving the seniors.

Congratulations, Magdeline, and care on!

***"I am very heartened that we have kind members like Magdeline supporting the home and truly living out the values of caring and sharing that SMOU holds dear to. We are very privileged to have her as our member."***

- Captain Robin Foo, President, SMOU



***"The award recognises my efforts to help out and serve the elderly. I am both grateful and encouraged."***

- Ms Magdeline Boon, recipient of Volunteer Appreciation Long Service Award.



# BONDING WITH SMOU WOMEN MEMBERS

Executive Secretary Ms Mary Liew welcomed SMOU women members and their families to a real treat on 12 January 2013. Ms Liew commended members for their hard work and multiple roles they perform as caregivers of their families. As such, it was a time for them to pamper themselves and receive expert cosmetic tips through a Mary Kay Beauty workshop.



***"I love the products recommended by the trainer, and I look forward to more of such activities in the future!"***

– Ms Iris, SMOU member of 22 years



***"I found the workshop fun and interesting, it is not every day you get to pick up some useful makeup tips."***

– Ms Hai Ern, daughter of an SMOU member



***"I learnt some new makeup techniques especially for the lips and eyes. I wish that SMOU would continue to organise such activities for ladies to befriend and network."***

– Ms Jessie, SMOU member of 17 years

# YOUNG SMOU ENGAGES SMA CADETS

Engaging the youth through relevant programmes, the union's youth arm arranged a recruitment talk for cadets from the Singapore Maritime Academy (SMA) on 23 January 2013 at the Wavelink Building.

Initiated by SMOU's youth wing, 64 CoC (Special Limits) cadets arrived at Wavelink Building for a day of networking and sharing of experiences on 26 January 2013. The programme was attended by SMA lecturers, Captain James DeFoe, Mr Foo Nan Cho, and Captain Satinder. SMOU had General Secretary Mr Thomas Tay, Executive Secretary Ms Mary Liew, President Captain Robin Foo, Executive Committee member Captain Hussein Abdullah, and YSMOU committee members engaging the cadets.

Young SMOU Chairman Mr Terence Tan gave a presentation to the cadets about SMOU's role in the industry and elaborated on its benefits and existence to seafarers. In addition, cadets were treated to a meaningful interactive session with Captain Hussein as he shared about his profession and insights from his 30 years of experience as a seafaring officer. Such engaging sessions provided the expertise and first-hand advice to the fresh-faced cadets on their future seafaring career while helping them to adjust into their first job.

The inspiring session ended on a high as the cadets dined at Lighthouse Bistro and utilised their networking opportunities with the guests.

SMOU thanks the SMA lecturers for facilitating the cadets' visit.



*Captain Hussein and GS Thomas Tay*



*SMA lectures together with YSMOU Chairman Terence Tan, President Captain Robin Foo, Captain Hussein, and National Division Secretariat Mr Wilfred Thiang*

# BE MY VALENTINE

Love was all around as SMOU members and their special partners chose to have their romantic Valentine's Day bash at the Lighthouse Bistro on 14 February 2013.



# MEMBER GRATEFUL FOR SMOU'S HELP



On 10 January 2013, SMOU received an uplifting note from Jason, the son of member Mr Foo Kok Wah. Thank you Jason for your encouraging words. We will continue to do our best for members.

## *Dear SMOU Office,*

I am Jason Foo, writing on behalf of my father Mr Foo Kok Wah to express his gratitude for what SMOU has done for him and his family.

My father Mr Foo Kok Wah has recently been diagnosed with stroke which is terribly unfortunate for him and his family. SMOU goes beyond expectations and its responsibilities as a union to lend a helping hand to my father. The care that has been shown to my father and the family by the union has deeply touched our hearts.

In addition, SMOU quickly expedite any administration works to allow my father to quickly gain access to financial aids and insurance claims which helped alleviate financial woes that he and his family have to bear.

SMOU is indeed a world class organisation and a role model to all. Such commendable efforts by the staff of SMOU should not go unnoticed. My father, Mr Foo Kok Wah, would like to express his gratitude to SMOU especially to President Captain Robin Foo and to the administrative team.

He would like to thank all of you for the frequent visits and all the help that you have rendered to him in one way or another. He wishes all staff of SMOU well.

## *Regards,*

Jason Foo (writing on behalf of Foo Kok Wah)

# INTERVENTION DURING TIME OF GRIEF

A family member's sudden demise is traumatising for the next-of-kin. It is during this crucial time that necessary paperwork needs to be done to make an insurance claim.

SMOU stepped in to offer their assistance when a member, Mr Mustaffa Bin Haji Mohamed Sheriff, who was with the union for 34 years passed away in January 2013. The ex-Master was 65 years old when he passed on and left behind his wife and a young daughter. With help of the union, the insurance payout will indefinitely help them to pass through tough times.



# GET BETTER COVERAGE

The NTUC Gift insurance is a group policy bought by SMOU for its members. All members aged 16 to 65 with at least six months of continuous union membership are automatically insured against death and total & permanent disability (TPD) of up to \$30,000.

Members are encouraged to seek additional coverage with the LUV policy. LUV is a term life insurance that gives you and your family greater security in times of need with comprehensive coverage at a low premium. What's more, you can be protected under LUV until age 70, as long as you take up this policy at or before the age of 60 and remain an NTUC member. You can continue to be covered under LUV even if you change jobs or are in between jobs.

Apply now at [www.income.com.sg](http://www.income.com.sg) or call 6788 5515



## RENEWAL OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2013

**REMINDER**

Renew your SMOU membership today and receive a Multi-purpose Adaptor or a Neck Snuggler!

The collection period has commenced and will go on while stocks last.

*Collection point for renewal gift is at SMOU's One-Stop Service Centre. SMOU reserves the right to substitute any item without prior notice.*



# SEAFARERS' PROVIDENT FUND

The Seafarers' Provident Fund (SPF) was set up by SMOU in 2001 to improve the welfare of seafaring members onboard ships covered by the SMOU Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA). The SPF has been administered and managed by Wavelink Thrift Pte Ltd, and co-managed by the National Trades Union Congress (NTUC) Thrift & Loan.

Due to a revision of its commercial priorities to meet with market needs, NTUC Thrift & Loan has discontinued with the administration and management of the SPF since 30 September 2012 and has terminated SPF on 1 October 2012. Members can withdraw their savings by following the procedures below.

## Submission period for SPF Withdrawal

SPF members, you may send in your request for SPF withdrawal with these relevant documentations

1. Duly completed withdrawal form (you may download the withdrawal form from [www.ispf.org.sg](http://www.ispf.org.sg) if you have not yet received the notification letter)
2. Copy of your NRIC/Passport (both old and new)
3. Copy of your Seaman Log Book(s)
4. Copy of your Bank Book/Statement (for payment via telegraphic transfer)

If you are based in Singapore, do indicate 'Cheque' as your mode of payment. We will notify you to personally collect your cheque when it is ready.

If you are based overseas, payment will be done via "Telegraphic Transfer" (TT). However, please take note of the following for Telegraphic Transfer:

- Please provide a copy of your bank statement, clearly showing your name and bank account number on the bank statement
- Indicate your bank's swift code
- Charges for telegraphic transfer will be imposed by the bank and offset from the payout

You may submit all the relevant documentations together with the duly completed withdrawal form through any one of these available channels:



Email: [spf@wavelink.com.sg](mailto:spf@wavelink.com.sg)



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**SMOU Seafarer's (Officers) Provident Fund**  
**Request to Withdraw Seafarers' Provident Fund**

I / We hereby apply to receive SMOU Seafarer's (Officers) Provident Fund under the following conditions:

**IMPORTANT:**  
 Please write clearly and provide correct and complete information as incomplete withdrawal forms will be rejected. Attach copies of birth certificate, new and old passports, seafarer's handbook and any other form of identification.

**Method of application (please tick and delete accordingly)**

Member's Direct Application

Application by Nominee/Beneficiary  
 Reasons: \_\_\_\_\_

**Particulars of Member**

SMOU NUMBER	
MEMBER'S NAME (as in Passport)	
MEMBER'S ADDRESS	
PASSPORT NUMBER	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
COMPANY'S NAME	

**Member / Nominee's bank details:**

MODE OF PAYMENT	CHEQUE / TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFER ("bank charges apply")
TYPE OF CURRENCY	
NAME AS IN BANK ACCOUNT	
BANK NAME	
ACCOUNT NUMBER	
ADDRESS OF BANK	

**This section must be completed if the Member would like to transfer the fund to his/her nominee/beneficiary:**

NOMINEE / BENEFICIARY'S NAME	
RELATIONSHIP TO MEMBER	
MAILING ADDRESS	
CONTACT NUMBER	
VERIFIED BY 2 WITNESSES	

\* Please attach copies of marriage certificate/birth certificate of Nominee/ Beneficiaries.

After verifying the above, please transfer my /our Provident Fund to the specified bank as detailed below.

**Applicant's Signatory:** \_\_\_\_\_

**For Official Use:**

Application Approval: APPROVED / REJECTED / KIV

Authorised & Endorsed by the Advisory Committee of the SMOU Scheme of Administration

Please see reverse for Terms & Conditions of Withdrawal

For more information, you may visit our website at [www.smou.org.sg](http://www.smou.org.sg) and [www.ispf.org.sg](http://www.ispf.org.sg) or call us at +65 6390 1661 for any clarifications.

The SPF Scheme will be governed by the scheme of administration which can be found at <http://www.ispf.org.sg>

An administrative fee of 2.8% approved by the SPF advisory committee shall be deducted from the SPF money due to the member before payout to the member or the member's proper claimant.

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And Beyond.



## Subsidiary Companies and Business Divisions



# TNTA CADETS CRUISING THROUGH MARITIME HISTORY

Cadets from the Tripartite Nautical Training Awards (TNTA) programme gained a deeper knowledge and a renewed sense of passion for seafaring after visiting the Singapore Maritime Gallery, set up by the Maritime & Port Authority (MPA) on 29 January 2013. Located at the Marina South Pier, cadets viewed the various models of ships and exhibits; and learned all about the country's transformation into one of the world's leading International Maritime Centre. The unique experience gave them a better appreciation of the vibrant Singapore maritime story.



## GETTING A REAL FEEL AT THE ISC

The Integrated Simulation Centre (ISC) offers an extensive variety of realistic training for ship officers and crew to put their knowledge to real use.

The TNTA cadets visited the ISC on 21 January 2013 where they had a go at various types of simulators namely Full Mission Shiphandling, Crisis Management, Electronic Chart Display and Information System, Vessel Traffic System, Engine Room, Liquid Cargo Handling, and the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System Simulators.

The cadets were able to obtain valuable information and was able to apply the knowledge they gained in classrooms to practical use.



# VISITING A FLOATING GIANT

Entering the Brani Container terminal, cadets from the Tripartite Nautical Training Award (TNTA) programme were thrilled to see a modern fourth-generation containership and enjoy an eye-opening onboard tour on 26 December 2012.

The visit to APL Qingdao, made possible with the help of Neptune Shipmanagement Services Pte Ltd, enabled the cadets to have a firsthand feel of the equipment they had learnt about in the classroom. The tour brought cadets around the accommodation area, messroom, galley, gymnasium, Junior Officer's cabin, the engine room, and the mooring system.

Course commander Captain S K Menon had this to say about the cadets after the visit: ***"The visit to APL Qingdao had the cadets' adrenaline pumping and they came away all the wiser, eagerly awaiting their turn to go to sea as Cadets in the very near future."***



# FIRST WMI ENHANCED PROGRAMME KICKS OFF IN MANILA

Dual certificates were awarded to some 60 officers who attended the very first WMI Enhanced OfficersPlus programme in Manila, Philippines from 15 to 24 January 2013.

Five courses were conducted by Captain Yeow Kok Kean and Captain Tan Chin Han concurrently at the Philcamsat Training Centre and NYK-FIL Training Centre. One of which was the 40-hour IMO Model Course 1.27 Operational use of ECDIS which accorded the participants dual certificates, one from WMI, recognised by Maritime Port Authority of Singapore, in compliance to STCW 2010, and another certificate from MARINA of the Philippines.

Officers who completed no less than 40 hours of ECDIS training prior to STCW 2010, and successfully completed the ECDIS conversion course were also issued WMI certificates for IMO Model Course 1.27, recognised by MPA for STCW 2010.

The programme also included courses on Maritime Resource Management (MRM), the Bridge Team Management (BTM) and the MARINA-certified Electrotechnology. The officers who attended both MRM and BTM were issued certificate by WMI for MRM and BTM respectively; and MARINA certificate for IMO Model Course 1.22, Ship Simulation and Bridge Team.

Subsidies from the Singapore Maritime Training Fund (SMTF) were made available to these seafarers to undertake these enrichment courses.



# TRAINING CALENDAR

## April - June 2013

Course Title	Date	Duration	Course Fee	Course Title	Date	Duration	Course Fee
<b>MPA Mandatory Courses</b>							
Pilotage Exemption (Large Vessel) Course & Assessment	On Demand	5 Hrs	\$2,808.75	Experienced Tug Master (Refresher)	On Demand	1.5 Hrs	\$483.64
Pilotage Exemption (Large Vessel) Renewal Assessment	On Demand	2.5 Hrs	\$1,472.32	Passenger Ferry Safety (New)	On Demand	1 Day	\$309.23
Pilotage Exemption (Small Vessel) New	On Demand	1 Day	\$402.32	Passenger Ferry Safety (Refresher)	On Demand	4 Hrs	\$241.82
Pilotage Exemption (Small Vessel) Refresher	On Demand	3 Hrs	\$350.96	Port Limit Special Grade (Deck Officer)	On Demand	3 Days	\$471.87
Port Limit Tanker Master (New)	On Demand	1.5 Days	\$621.67	Bunker Surveying Course	On Demand	2 Days	\$337.05
Port Limit Tanker Master (Refresher)	On Demand	4 Hrs	\$268.57	Oil Spill Control	On Demand	1 Day	\$179.76
Tug Master (New)	On Demand	3 Hrs	\$880.61				
<b>Maritime Courses</b>							
Maritime Resource Management Course (MRM)	13 - 15 May	3 Days	\$909.50	IMO Model Course 3.19 (Ship Security Officer)*	14 - 15 May	2 Days	\$642.00
Maritime Resource & Bridge Team Management Course	13 - 17 May	5 Days	\$1,605.00	IMO Model Course 3.20 (Company Security Officer)*	14 - 16 May	3 Days	\$963.00
IMO Model Course 1.27 (Operational Use of ECDIS)*	08 - 12 Apr 10 - 14 Jun	5 Days	\$1,016.50	IMO Model Course 3.21 (Port Facility Security Officer)*	24 - 26 Apr 11 - 13 Jun	3 Days	\$963.00
Ship Simulator and Bridge Teamwork	15 - 17 May	3 Days	\$1,070.00	ISM & ISPS Internal Auditor*	7 - 9 May	3 Days	\$1,284.00
Shiphandling Course	15 - 17 May	3 Days	\$1,284.00	ISM Internal Auditor	7 - 8 May	2 Days	\$695.50
Ship Safety Officer Course	On Demand	2 Days	\$642.00	ISPS Internal Auditor	8 - 9 May	2 Days	\$856.00
<b>Maritime Introductory Courses</b>							
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