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#### **21 STUDENTS MAJORING IN NAVAL ARCHITECTURE / MARINE ENGINEERING GRADUATE FROM THE UNIVERSITIES OF GLASGOW AND STRATHCLYDE**

**The Singapore cohort shines with majority of them awarded first class and  
second class Upper Honours degree**

**Singapore, 22 August 2008** - 21 students will be awarded the Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering degree by the Universities of Glasgow and Strathclyde at the 3<sup>rd</sup> UGS Graduation Ceremony held at the Asian Civilisations Museum on 26 August 2008, 2.30pm – 4pm.

Many of them have done Singapore proud with their outstanding academic achievements once again. This year, the Singapore students performed well, with 4 graduates with First Class degree, 12 with Second Class Honours - Upper Division and 5 with Second Class Honours - Lower Division.

The degree conferred in Singapore is the same as the Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering degree awarded to the graduants of UGS in United Kingdom. The students in Singapore are taught by the same UGS lecturers and sat for the same examinations as the United Kingdom cohort.

Students in the UGS course in Singapore are holders of the Advanced Diploma in Ship and Marine Technology from Ngee Ann Polytechnic or of the Specialist Diploma in Marine Engineering and Naval Architecture from Singapore Polytechnic. Some of these students are sponsored by their companies including Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore, Keppel, SembCorp Marine and smaller naval architecture, offshore and marine engineering companies while others are self-funded. Upon graduation, they would serve the Singapore maritime industry in their respective fields of specialisations.

“It has been a great pleasure to teach such highly motivated and hard working students with inquisitive minds in Singapore. We are very proud to have made a contribution to building and broadening the skill base here in order to strengthen Singapore’s world world-class ship and offshore construction yards, complex marine systems manufacturing industry;

R&D activities and marine related service industry including its classification societies,” said Professor Atilla Incecik, Head of the Department of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering of the Universities of Glasgow and Strathclyde.

As part of the Graduation Ceremony, four prizes will be presented to the top performers of the cohort. These include:-

- The SMF Award, Best Individual Project
- The Salilaksha Basu Memorial Prize for Best BEng Naval Architecture with Ocean Engineering Graduate
- The IMarEST Prize for Best BEng Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering Graduate
- The Ian Broadley Prize for Best Individual Project showing Innovation/Financial Awareness.

For the first time, the Singapore Maritime Foundation has given a special award, the SMF award to the student with the Best Individual Project. The award was given to an outstanding student for her excellent final year project on “Stability and Longitudinal Strength Considerations for a Proposed Unconventional Heavy Lift Barge”.

“The Singapore maritime industry is booming and will continue to do well. We are happy with the good results of the Singapore students, and we believe with their acquired knowledge and expertise, they would be able to scale greater heights in their careers and help grow the Singapore maritime industry”, said Mr David Chin, Executive Director, Singapore Maritime Foundation.

The maritime workforce has grown by an impressive 12% over the year to 108,000. The maritime sector, which contributes 7% direct value add to Singapore’s GDP, is expected to expand rapidly by about 6.5% percent to 7.5% in the mid-term and this new batch of fresh graduates would definitely be able to contribute to the growing maritime industry.

This would be the third and final batch of graduates from the UGS course in Singapore. The course is first initiated in 2004 by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore and administrated by the Singapore Maritime Foundation to cater to the increasing needs for

graduate engineers in the field of naval architecture and marine engineering of the Singapore maritime industry. This course served as the platform for the local polytechnic graduates who majored in maritime courses to enhance their knowledge and upgrade their qualifications from a Diploma to a Degree. To make the undergraduate course in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering (UGS-NAME) more affordable and accessible to the polytechnic students, the collaboration brought the final year Bachelor programme to Singapore.

Dato Jude Benny, SMF Board Member would grace the occasion as the Guest-of-Honour. The Principal and Vice Chancellor of the University of Strathclyde, Professor Andrew Hamnett, Professor Atilla Incecik, Head of the Department of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering will also be present during the ceremony to witness this final graduation ceremony of the third cohort of graduates from Singapore.

**You and your photographer are cordinally invited to the UGS Graduation Ceremony  
The event proceeding as seen below:-**

<b>Date</b>	26 August 2008, Tuesday
<b>Venue</b>	Asian Civilisations Museum, River Room
<b>Admin Programme</b>	
2.00- 2.30 pm	Arrival of guests and registration
2.30 pm	Arrival of Guest of Honour, Dato Jude Benny, Singapore Maritime Foundation's Board Member
2.35 pm	Speech by Prof Atilla Incecik, Head of Department, NAME
2.45 pm	Speech by Guest of Honour
2.55 pm	Presentation of the scrolls and awards
3.20 pm	Speech by Professor Andrew Hamnett, Principal and Vice Chancellor, University of Strathclyde
3.35 pm	Commencement of tea reception

Please RSVP with Ms Lindy Sim at Tel: 6325 0236 / [lindysim@sgmf.com.sg](mailto:lindysim@sgmf.com.sg)

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## About Singapore Maritime Foundation

The Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF) is a private sector-led organisation established in 2004 to develop and promote Singapore as an **International Maritime Centre (IMC)**, in partnership with the government and maritime industry.

The broad objectives of the SMF are:

- To provide a **forum** in the private sector for exchanging, generating and developing ideas and proposals to turn Singapore into an IMC
- To act as the **catalyst** in fostering mutual co-operation among various sectors of the maritime industry
- To serve as the government's **partner** from the private sector in promoting Singapore as an IMC and developing manpower to support the maritime industry

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## About the Department of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering (NAME), A Joint Department of the Universities of Glasgow and Strathclyde

The two sister Departments of the Universities of Glasgow and Strathclyde merged to become the Department of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering (NAME) in 2001. The merged Department is a unique provider of education in naval architecture and related disciplines. The merger has brought together complementary expertise to form a centre of international excellence in teaching and research. The foundation of the new Department is a shared history of 125 years of key contributions to international maritime industries and academia. Thousands of graduates spanning the globe have had a profound effect in shaping the evolution of modern naval architecture worldwide.

Over many years NAME has educated a great many naval architects who started their professional education at Ngee Ann Polytechnic or Singapore Polytechnic. Originally, the Diploma holders were admitted to the third year of NAME's four-year BEng courses. In time, special arrangement was made so that the Advanced Diploma, equivalent to the third year of NAME's courses, was introduced at Ngee Ann and, more recently, a Specialist Diploma was started at Singapore Polytechnic. The students who were awarded these advanced/specialist diplomas, at an appropriate standard, were then admitted directly to the fourth year of the BEng/MEng courses. This has been happening for the past 12 years.

In 2005, NAME was invited by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore to deliver the fourth year of the BEng courses in Singapore. The Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF) supports and facilitates the programme. The resulting fourth year is identical to the one delivered in Glasgow.

Currently NAME is enjoying a worldwide reputation as a leading institution of teaching and research in naval architecture, marine and offshore engineering.

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