



120 Cantonment Road  
#02-01 Maritime House  
Singapore 089760  
t • [65] 6325 0225  
www.smf.com.sg

[www.maritimecareers.com.sg](http://www.maritimecareers.com.sg)

Press Release

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**The Singapore maritime industry continues to pledge its support to the MaritimeONE, TMSS and SAIL scholarships despite economic slowdown**

*Scholarships valued at approximately S\$1.4 million were awarded to 40 scholars to pursue maritime-related studies in Singapore and overseas.*

Singapore, 17 August 2012 – This year, 40 scholarships totalling approximately S\$1.4 million were awarded to encourage students to pursue maritime-related careers in future. These comprised of 28 MaritimeONE (Maritime Outreach Network) scholarships, 11 Tripartite Maritime Scholarship Scheme (TMSS) and one Seafaring Alternative...An Investment For Life (SAIL) scholarships. The scholarships seek to attract young talents and expand the maritime talent pool in Singapore and were presented at the scholarship awards ceremony held at Swissôtel Merchant Court.

“Singapore has established itself as one of the leading international maritime centres in the world. We need the best talents to steer the Singapore maritime industry forward, be it at the shipyards, in the ancillary services sector, the offshore sector or in the sea-going front. The Singapore maritime sector is a dynamic one that offers great opportunities for young people of diverse fields of specialisations to pursue their lifelong careers. We would like to urge young people to seriously consider building their careers in this sector,” said Mr Michael Chia, Chairman of the Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF) and MaritimeONE.

The Singapore maritime industry continues to pledge its support to the MaritimeONE, TMSS and SAIL scholarships despite economic slowdown

“I am heartened by the unwavering support from the sponsors of the MaritimeONE, TMSS and SAIL scholarships, with 40 scholarships being given out this year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors for pledging their support to grow the maritime talent pool in Singapore. We hope that more of such maritime partners would come forward to support this meaningful endeavour so that we are able to further Singapore’s growth as an IMC and a premier global hub port,” said Mr Lucien Wong, Chairman of the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA), who delivered a welcome address at the scholarship awards ceremony.

### **MaritimeONE scholarships**

This year, 11 companies will be sponsoring 28 MaritimeONE scholarships that are valued at approximately S\$650,000. In addition to funding the scholarships, the sponsoring companies also offer internships and job opportunities in their companies for the scholars. Sponsoring companies for this year’s MaritimeONE scholarships include Avra Asia Pte Ltd, Eastern Navigation Pte Ltd, Fednav Singapore Pte. Ltd., IMC Industrial Group, Jurong Port Pte Ltd, Pacific Carriers Limited (PCL), Singapore Maritime Academy of Singapore Polytechnic, SMTC Global (Singapore) Pte Ltd, Swire Pacific Offshore Operations (Pte) Ltd, The China Navigation Company Limited, The Lloyd’s Register Educational Trust (The LRET) and Thome Ship Management Pte Ltd. Six more MaritimeONE scholarships may also be awarded after the awards ceremony.

Awarded solely on merit, the MaritimeONE scholarships recognise outstanding individuals who have demonstrated strong leadership skills as well as good academic and track records in co-curricular activities. The scholarships are open to undergraduate students reading the Bachelor of Science in Maritime Studies offered by the Nanyang Technological University (NTU), the Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Naval Architecture, Offshore Engineering and Marine Engineering offered by the Newcastle University, UK with Singapore Institute of

The Singapore maritime industry continues to pledge its support to the MaritimeONE, TMSS and SAIL scholarships despite economic slowdown

Technology as well as the Bachelor of Science (Economics) offered by the Singapore Management University (SMU) throughout their academic years. This year, seven mid-term scholarships were awarded to second, third and final year students. This figure is a clear indication of the industry's rising demand for skilled maritime professionals as more international maritime companies established their regional offices in Singapore. For the detailed breakdown of the various maritime-related courses and the MaritimeONE scholarships that are offered, please refer to Appendix A.

The MaritimeONE initiative was launched in April 2007 as the key platform for maritime stakeholders to synergise efforts to raise awareness of the maritime industry and maritime careers, nurture and attract talents. MaritimeONE partners include the SMF, the Association of Singapore Marine Industries (ASMI), the Singapore Shipping Association (SSA) and MPA. The MaritimeONE scholarship initiative is administered by SMF and funds for the scholarships are pledged by the sponsoring maritime companies.

"SMF is a strong advocate in manpower development and formulating initiatives to raise the profile of maritime careers and the maritime sector. As a member of the closely-knit Singapore maritime community, we share their vision and are pleased to support this worthy cause," said Ms Tai Sook Yee, Group Managing Director, IMC Industrial Pte Ltd.

### **TMSS and SAIL scholarships**

11 TMSS scholarships and one SAIL scholarship, worth a total of approximately S\$750,000, were also awarded that night. The TMSS and SAIL scholarships are jointly awarded by MPA, shipping companies, the Singapore Maritime Officers Union (SMOU) and the Singapore Organisation of Seamen (SOS). This year, the shipping companies co-sponsoring the TMSS and SAIL scholarships were APL Co Pte Ltd, PACC Ship Managers Pte Ltd and Pacific International Lines Pte Ltd.

The Singapore maritime industry continues to pledge its support to the MaritimeONE, TMSS and SAIL scholarships despite economic slowdown

TMSS and SAIL scholars will undergo their training at the Singapore Maritime Academy in Singapore Polytechnic. Upon completion of their polytechnic education and gaining the appropriate seafaring experience and certification, these scholars can look forward to rewarding seafaring careers as Masters or Chief Engineers onboard ocean-going ships. Scholars who wish to come onshore after gaining years of seafaring experience and practical knowledge would have ample opportunities awaiting them in the maritime sector. For further details on the TMSS and SAIL scholarships, please refer to Appendix A.

-end-

---

**For media queries, please contact:**

**Dorothy Ng**

Senior Manager  
Corporate Communications  
Singapore Maritime Foundation  
Tel : (65) 6325-0227  
Mobile : (65) 9631-5500

**Bridget Chang**

Executive  
Corporate Communications  
Singapore Maritime Foundation  
Tel : (65) 6325-0226  
Mobile : (65) 8128-3624

**About MaritimeONE**

Launched in April 2007 by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA), Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF), Association of Singapore Marine Industries (ASMI) and Singapore Shipping Association (SSA), MaritimeONE (Outreach Network) is a key platform for all maritime stakeholders to synergise efforts to raise awareness of the maritime industry among students and their influence groups, and to interest them in maritime education and careers via various outreach initiatives. As the Secretariat of the MaritimeONE, SMF works in tandem with strategic partners to organise a variety of initiatives, including promotional campaigns, events and MaritimeONE scholarships. Other MaritimeONE activities include industry awareness talks, scholarship offers, student outreach events and regular networking events for employers and tertiary students. For details, visit [www.maritimecareers.com.sg](http://www.maritimecareers.com.sg).

**About Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF)**

Established in 2004, the Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF) is a private sector-led organization that seeks to develop and promote Singapore as an International Maritime Centre (IMC). As the representative voice for the commercial players of the maritime industry, the Foundation seeks to forge strong partnerships with the public and private sectors of the maritime industry. SMF spearheads initiatives to promote the diverse clusters of the maritime industry in Singapore and at international frontiers, and to attract young talents to join the sector. SMF is directed by its Board of Directors which comprises prominent leaders in the Singapore maritime community. For details, visit [www.smf.com.sg](http://www.smf.com.sg).

**Appendix A: Scholarship Details**  
**MaritimeONE Scholarship Awards Ceremony 2012**

**(A) MaritimeONE scholarship programme**

The MaritimeONE Scholarship programme is spearheaded by the Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF) as one of the key initiatives to nurture talents for the Singapore maritime sector. Sponsoring companies provide the funding for these scholarships and these scholarships are administered by the staff of SMF. Some of the sponsoring companies also offer internship opportunities for the scholars during their school term.

Since the inaugural Scholarship Awards Ceremony in 2007, a total of 116 scholarships, worth more than S\$3.1 million, have been awarded to outstanding and deserving students to pursue maritime-related courses in Singapore and overseas. This year, 28 MaritimeONE scholarships, valued at approximately S\$650,000 were given out. 20 of the awarded MaritimeONE scholarships are bond free.

This year, 17 organisations have come forth to pledge their support to the MaritimeONE Scholarship programme. They are; Avra Asia Pte Ltd, Chong Lee Leong Seng Co Ltd, Eastern Navigation Pte Ltd, Fednav Singapore Pte. Ltd., IMC Industrial Pte Ltd, Jurong Port Pte Ltd, Keppel Offshore & Marine Ltd, Pacific Carriers Limited, Sembcorp Marine Ltd, PSA Corporation Ltd, Singapore Maritime Academy of Singapore Polytechnic, SMTC Global (Singapore) Pte Ltd, Swire Pacific Offshore Operations (Pte) Ltd, The China Navigation Co. Pte. Ltd., The Lloyd's Register Educational Trust and Thome Ship Management Pte Ltd, Tru-Marine Pte Ltd. 11 companies will be sponsoring 28 MaritimeONE scholarships valued at approximately S\$650,000. Six more MaritimeONE scholarships may also be awarded after the awards ceremony.

**Business-related maritime degree courses**  
**Total Number of MaritimeONE scholarships awarded: 19**

<b>Name of course</b>	<b>Number of scholarships awarded</b>
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Maritime Studies, NTU	6
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Maritime Studies with Business Major, NTU	1
Bachelor of Business Administration with Specialisation in Maritime Transportation Management, Maritime Institute Willem Barentsz, The Netherlands with Singapore Polytechnic	6
Bachelor of Maritime Operations, Maritime Institute Willem Barentsz, The Netherlands with Singapore Polytechnic	2
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Maritime Business and Maritime Law, University of Plymouth, United Kingdom (UK)	3
Bachelor of Science (Economics), Singapore Management University (SMU)	1

**Maritime engineering-related degree courses****Total Number of MaritimeONE scholarships awarded: 6**

Name of course	Number of scholarships awarded
Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Naval Architecture / Offshore Engineering / Marine Engineering, Newcastle University, UK with Singapore Institute of Technology	6

**Maritime diploma courses****Total Number of MaritimeONE scholarships awarded: 3**

Name of course	Number of scholarships awarded
Diploma in Maritime Business, Singapore Maritime Academy, Singapore Polytechnic	1
Diploma in Marine Engineering, Singapore Maritime Academy, Singapore Polytechnic	2

**B) The Seafaring Alternative...an Investment for Life (SAIL) & the Tripartite Maritime Scholarship Scheme (TMSS) Scholarships**

The Seafaring Alternative...an Investment for Life (SAIL) as well as the Tripartite Maritime Scholarship Scheme (TMSS) scholarships aim to attract promising students with superior GCE 'O' Level results to the maritime industry. Sponsored by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA), seafarer unions (Singapore Maritime Officers' Union & Singapore Organisation of Seamen) and shipping companies, the scheme offers scholars an early step-up in the maritime career path by obtaining a seafaring education and subsequently becoming Masters or Chief Engineers of oceangoing merchant ships. This invaluable seafaring experience will prepare talented and hardworking officers for top shore-based management positions within the maritime industry.

Since the SAIL and TMSS scholarships were started in 2005 and 2002 respectively, a total of 118 scholarships have been awarded to outstanding and deserving students to pursue a Diploma in Nautical Studies (DNS) or Diploma in Marine Engineering (DMR) at the Singapore Maritime Academy, Singapore Polytechnic. The DNS course of study for deck officers should lead to an appointment as a Ship's Master, while the DMR course for marine engineering leads to the position of Chief Engineer. This year, one SAIL and 11 TMSS scholarships, valued at approximately S\$750,000, were given out. The sponsoring shipping companies were APL Co Pte Ltd, PACC Ship Managers Pte Ltd and Pacific International Lines Pte Ltd.