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## Press Release

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# Over S\$2.6 million in Scholarships Awarded by the Singapore Maritime Industry for Local & Overseas Studies

Singapore, 13 August 2015 – The Government, maritime businesses and local seafarer unions presented more than S\$2.6 million in maritime scholarships to 58 students at the MaritimeONE Scholarship Awards Ceremony this year. The **MaritimeONE (Maritime Outreach Network) Scholarships** and **Tripartite Maritime Scholarship (TMSS)** programme support various local and overseas diploma and degree programmes. In all, 38 MaritimeONE Scholarships and 20 Tripartite Maritime Scholarships were presented at the event held at the Conrad Centennial Singapore Hotel this evening. The total value of award this year is the highest to date for the MaritimeONE Scholarship programme, and likewise for the TMSS programme, which also saw the highest number of awards since the scheme was introduced in 2002.

### MaritimeONE scholarships

Funds for the MaritimeONE Scholarships are pledged by various stakeholders in the maritime industry including shipping lines, shipyards and maritime ancillary service companies. This year, **38 MaritimeONE scholarships are sponsored by 20 organisations, and are valued at more than S\$1.2 million.**

MaritimeONE scholars are able to choose from a wide spectrum of **21 courses** – 18 business, law and engineering degrees offered by seven local and overseas universities, as well as three maritime diploma programmes at the Singapore Maritime Academy in Singapore Polytechnic.

Since 2007, a total of **238 MaritimeONE scholarships worth more than S\$6.5 million** have been awarded to outstanding students to pursue courses in Singapore and overseas. Details on the MaritimeONE Scholarships and courses supported can be found in Appendix A.

***“The maritime industry in Singapore has so much to offer in career opportunities and development for our young people. It is a key pillar of our economy, contributing 7 per cent to our nation’s GDP<sup>1</sup>, and Singapore also retained its position as the most important maritime capital in the world in a recent survey benchmarking 15 cities. Hence, we would like maritime to be the industry of choice for students and the MaritimeONE Scholarship Programme is a key initiative to nurture talent for the industry.”*** said Mr Michael Chia, Chairman of MaritimeONE and SMF, who delivered the welcome address at the awards ceremony.

### **2015 MaritimeONE Scholars – Sisters (Alissa Ong and Angelia Ong)**

Two of the MaritimeONE Scholarship recipients this year happen to be sisters – Ms Alissa<sup>2</sup> Ong Shu Qin, and Ms Angelia<sup>3</sup> Ong Shu Hui. The two sisters are supported by different sponsors under the MaritimeONE Scholarship programme, and are taking different paths into the maritime industry.

Alissa decided to sign up for the Bachelor of Science in Maritime Studies after hearing Angelia share about her studies and internship experiences at MPA<sup>4</sup> and a ship management company, as part of her Diploma in Maritime Business course. Alissa is supported under the PSA – MaritimeONE<sup>5</sup> Scholarship for her studies at NTU.

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<sup>1</sup> Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

<sup>2</sup> Alissa Ong Shu Qin is 19 years old. She graduated from Jurong Junior College and is currently in Year Two of the Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Maritime Studies programme. Her MaritimeONE Scholarship sponsored by PSA covers her four-year degree programme at Nanyang Technological University.

<sup>3</sup> Angelia Ong Shu Hui is the older sister. The 21-year-old completed her Diploma in Maritime Business at the Singapore Maritime Academy (SMA) in Singapore Polytechnic in May this year. In September 2015, she will commence her studies overseas for her Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Maritime Business and Maritime Law. Plymouth University is supporting Angelia’s one-year of studies in the UK as part of a collaboration with SMA.

<sup>4</sup> Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA).

<sup>5</sup> PSA operates the world’s largest container transshipment hub in Singapore with extensive connectivity to 600 ports globally. At the confluence of major trade routes, it plays a pivotal role in connecting global economies and markets.

***“I put Maritime Studies as my first choice because of my sister’s sharing, and after one year in the course, I am convinced that I made the right decision. The modules taught and the experiences shared by the professors and industry guest lecturers were all very interesting! I want a career that is rewarding, interesting and more importantly, something that I am really passionate about. I believe I have found all this in the maritime industry,”*** said Alissa, who will join PSA Singapore Terminals as an Operations Executive when she graduates.

Alissa’s older sister, Angelia, a SMA-PU<sup>6</sup> – MaritimeONE Scholar, added, ***“My interest for the maritime industry developed over the years from the time I enrolled in the Diploma in Maritime Business at Singapore Polytechnic. Apart from the lessons in school, I also picked up a lot from my six-month internship with the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore. During my time with two departments (Vessel Traffic Management and Seafarers Management), I was a part of the team contributing to the work of running Singapore’s global hub port and it was truly an eye-opener!”***

Angelia will pursue a degree in Maritime Business and Maritime Law when term starts next month at Plymouth University in the UK, as part of her MaritimeONE Scholarship for overseas studies that is jointly supported by Singapore Polytechnic’s Singapore Maritime Academy and Plymouth University.

### **TMSS scholarships**

A total of **20 TMSS scholarships** were also awarded at the ceremony this evening, valued at about **S\$1.4 million**, for students enrolled in the Nautical Studies and Marine Engineering diploma programmes offered at the Singapore Maritime Academy in Singapore Polytechnic.

The TMSS scholarships are jointly awarded by MPA, shipping companies, the Singapore Maritime Officers’ Union (SMOU) and the Singapore Organisation of Seamen (SOS). Two new sponsoring companies (NYK Shipmanagement Pte Ltd and X-PRESS FEEDERS) joined under the enhanced TMSS this year, bringing the total number of companies to five. The other three companies are APL Co Pte Ltd, Pacific International Lines (Pte) Ltd and PACC Ship Managers Pte Ltd. For details on the TMSS scholarships, please refer to Appendix A.

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<sup>6</sup> The Singapore Maritime Academy (SMA) is part of the Singapore Polytechnic, and it offers maritime-related diploma courses. Plymouth University (PU) in the UK is supporting Angelia’s MaritimeONE Scholarship as part of a collaboration with SMA.

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Attached Appendix A: Scholarship Details for MaritimeONE Scholarship Awards Ceremony 2015

- MaritimeONE Scholarship Programme
- Tripartite Maritime Scholarship (TMSS) programme
- Photos with captions as below:
  - (1) Mr Michael Chia, Chairman of MaritimeONE and SMF giving the opening speech at the MaritimeONE Scholarship Awards Ceremony 2015
  - (2) L-R: Sisters Angelia Ong (SMA-PU – MaritimeONE Scholar) and Alissa Ong (PSA – MaritimeONE Scholar)
  - (3) L-R: Sisters Angelia Ong (SMA-PU – MaritimeONE Scholar) and Alissa Ong (PSA – MaritimeONE Scholar)
  - (4) Group shot of 2015 MaritimeONE and TMSS Scholars

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**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. Funds for the MaritimeONE Scholarships are pledged by sponsoring maritime companies, which span from shipping lines, shipyards to maritime ancillary services companies, and administered by SMF. 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 for MaritimeONE Scholarship Awards Ceremony 2015**

**(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.

A total of 21 maritime-related degree and diploma programmes are supported by the MaritimeONE scholarships. These courses have been identified by SMF in consultation with maritime-related organisations, which are at liberty to select the course(s) which they would be keen to sponsor their scholars for. This list increases every year as companies welcome talents from diverse backgrounds to meet the increasing manpower needs of the burgeoning maritime industry. As the MaritimeONE Secretariat, SMF publicises the MaritimeONE scholarship programme to students for these 21 degree and diploma programmes. SMF also coordinates the interviews for sponsors to meet scholarship applicants. After the interviews, sponsors would then advise SMF on the candidate(s) that they would be keen to award their scholarship to.

This year, there are 20 sponsors for the 38 MaritimeONE scholarships, valued at more than S\$1.2 million. Of these, 25 of the awarded MaritimeONE scholarships are bond free.

Sponsoring companies this year include: “K” Line Pte Ltd, Altus Oil & Gas Services (Part of Swire Pacific Offshore), American Bureau of Shipping, F.H. Bertling Chartering & Ship Management Pte Ltd, IMC Industrial Group, Jurong Port Pte Ltd, L.C.H. (S) Pte Ltd, NORDEN Shipping (Singapore) Pte Ltd, Pacific International Lines (Pte) Ltd, PSA Corporation Ltd, Sailors’ Society, Sembcorp Marine Ltd, Singapore Maritime Officers’ Union, The Chua Chor Teck Memorial Fund, Transport Capital Pte Ltd, Singapore Maritime Academy - Singapore Polytechnic, Chung-Ang University, Flagship Ventures, Global Maritime Talent Pte Ltd and Plymouth University.

Since the inaugural Scholarship Awards Ceremony in 2007, a total of 238 scholarships, worth more than S\$6.5 million, have been awarded to outstanding and deserving students to pursue maritime-related courses in Singapore and overseas.

Sponsors that have pledged support for the MaritimeONE Scholarships this year include: “K” Line Pte Ltd, Altus Oil & Gas Services (Part of Swire Pacific Offshore), American Bureau of Shipping, F.H. Bertling Chartering & Ship Management Pte Ltd, Fednav Singapore Pte Ltd, IMC Industrial Group, Jurong Port Pte Ltd, Keppel Offshore & Marine Ltd, L.C.H. (S) Pte Ltd, NORDEN Shipping (Singapore) Pte Ltd, Pacific International Lines (Pte) Ltd, PSA Corporation Ltd, Sailors’ Society, Sembcorp Marine Ltd, Singapore Maritime Officers’ Union, Swire Pacific Offshore Operations (Pte) Ltd, The China Navigation Company Pte Ltd, The Chua Chor Teck Memorial Fund, Thome Ship Management Pte Ltd, Transport Capital Pte Ltd, X-PRESS FEEDERS, Singapore Maritime Academy - Singapore Polytechnic, Chung-Ang University, Flagship Ventures, Global Maritime Talent Pte Ltd, Plymouth University, SMTC Global (Singapore) Pte Ltd.

## **(A) Courses supported by the MaritimeONE Scholarships**

### **Business and Law-related degree courses**

1. Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Maritime Studies, Nanyang Technological University (NTU)
2. Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Maritime Studies with Business Major, NTU
3. Bachelor of Science (Economics) with Maritime Economics Concentration, Singapore Management University (SMU)
4. Bachelor of Business Administration (International Logistics), Chung-Ang University, Korea
5. Bachelor of Science in International Transportation and Trade, State University of New York, USA
6. Bachelor of Science (Honours) Maritime Business and Logistics, Plymouth University, United Kingdom (PU)
7. Bachelor of Science (Honours) Maritime Business and Maritime Law, PU
8. Bachelor of Science (Honours) Maritime Transportation and Logistics, PU
9. Bachelor of Science (Honours) Navigation and Maritime Science, PU

### **Engineering-related degree courses**

10. Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical & Electronic Engineering), NTU
11. Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical Engineering) with specialisation in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, NTU
12. Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) with specialisation in Offshore Engineering, National University of Singapore (NUS)
13. Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical) with specialisation in Offshore Oil & Gas Technology, NUS
14. Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical Engineering), NUS
15. Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Marine Engineering, Newcastle University, UK with Singapore Institute of Technology (NU - SIT)
16. Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Naval Architecture, NU – SIT
17. Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Offshore Engineering, NU - SIT
18. Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Electrical Power Engineering, NU - SIT

### **Maritime diploma courses**

1. Diploma in Maritime Business, Singapore Maritime Academy - Singapore Polytechnic (SMA - SP)
2. Diploma in Marine Engineering, SMA - SP
3. Diploma in Nautical Studies, SMA - SP

## **(B) Tripartite Maritime Scholarship (TMSS) Programme**

The Tripartite Maritime Scholarship (TMSS) aims to attract and encourage locals to take up a seafaring career to build a core group of local mariners. This scholarship, sponsored by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA), seafarer unions (Singapore Maritime Officers' Union & Singapore Organisation of Seamen) and shipping companies, grooms promising students to become Ship Captains and Chief Engineers of ocean-going merchant ships and be the leaders of Singapore's maritime industry.

TMSS is open to students pursuing the Diploma in Nautical Studies or Diploma in Marine Engineering at the Singapore Maritime Academy, Singapore Polytechnic. Pursuing a Diploma in Nautical Studies would prepare you to be a Deck Officer, and eventually lead to the appointment as a Ship's Captain. On the other hand, a Diploma in Marine Engineering would train you to be an engineer on board ship, and eventually lead to the position of Chief Engineer.

TMSS was recently enhanced to provide more opportunities for Singaporeans to take up seafaring careers. Under the enhanced scheme, MPA will set aside an additional S\$6 million over the next five years to award up to 20 scholarships every year, double the number awarded in previous years. To date, more than 150 scholarships have been awarded.

This year, 20 TMSS scholarships, worth about S\$1.4 million, were given out. Two new sponsoring companies (NYK Shipmanagement Pte Ltd and X-PRESS FEEDERS) joined under the enhanced TMSS this year, bringing the total number of companies to five. The other three companies are APL Co Pte Ltd, Pacific International Lines (Pte) Ltd and PACC Ship Managers Pte Ltd.

## **Courses supported by TMSS**

### **Maritime diploma courses**

1. Diploma in Marine Engineering, SMA - SP
2. Diploma in Nautical Studies, SMA - SP