

## Press Release

### **Close to S\$1.8 million in Scholarships Awarded by the Singapore Maritime Industry for Local & Overseas Studies**

**Singapore, 11 August 2017** – As part of the maritime industry’s long term plans to invest in manpower development, the Government, maritime businesses and local seafarer unions presented close to S\$1.8 million in scholarships to 49 students at the MaritimeONE<sup>1</sup> Scholarship Awards Ceremony today. Held at Conrad Centennial Singapore Hotel, the event witnessed collective support from maritime companies and various local and overseas programmes at the diploma and degree levels.

Funds for the MaritimeONE Scholarship Programme are pledged by maritime companies from the shipping, port, shipyards and maritime ancillary services sectors. This year, a total of 17 companies sponsored 37 MaritimeONE scholarships valued at over S\$870,000. MaritimeONE Scholars are able to choose from a wide spectrum of 26 courses – 23 business, law and engineering degrees offered by 6 local and overseas universities, as well as 3 maritime diploma programmes at the Singapore Maritime Academy in Singapore Polytechnic.

#### **2017 PSA - MaritimeONE Scholar, Ms Clarie Teo: First female President of the Singapore Maritime Academy Club helps keep the Straits of Singapore safe**

New recipient, Ms Clarie Teo, will be pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering at the National University of Singapore this year. As a social media influencer and ex-marine specialist with the Singapore Navy, Clarie has always loved how marine engineering is a good mix of hands-on practical, mathematics and science. She shares, *“My days with the Singapore Navy has enabled me to see the maritime industry from a different perspective. Now that I am going back to school, I am extremely excited and look forward to contributing to the maritime industry – it’s great to be part of it again!”*

#### **2017 MaritimeONE Scholars, Mr Ryan Foo and Mr Muhd Hadi: Maritime runs in the family**

Mr Ryan Foo is among one of the new recipients awarded the PIL - MaritimeONE scholarship this year. Ryan took a liking to maritime for its role in connecting people and countries, and will be pursuing a course in Maritime Studies at the Nanyang Technological University (NTU) this month. However, the concept of maritime is not new to him, for his cousin, Mr Raymond Tan, was part of the programme back in 2010 and awarded the FSL Trust Management - MaritimeONE scholarship which enabled him to kick-start his career in the industry.

Mr Ryan Foo shares, *“I remember picking him (Raymond) up from the airport when he returned from his Norway exchange, he had shown us some Norwegian paraphernalia and*

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<sup>1</sup> The MaritimeONE (Outreach NEtwork) is the key manpower initiative for maritime stakeholders to raise awareness of the local maritime industry as well as to profile education and career opportunities to the students and committed individuals.

*photographs of his experiences; i thought it was so cool that he was able to travel for work and studies, and I was intrigued with how fun his life was in the maritime industry. After speaking with him about the entry routes into the industry, I decided that I had nothing to lose, and applied for the scholarship. Today, I am just very grateful to be one of the recipients of the MaritimeONE scholarship programme!”*

Mr Muhd Hadi also considered an education in maritime under the influence of his grandfather, Mr Juma'at Bin Hassan. Mr Muhd Hadi was awarded the SMA – MaritimeONE scholarship tonight and recalled, *“My grandfather used to be a pilot at PSA Marine and told me stories all the time about his adventures at sea; this made me curious about the maritime industry. Later on, I visited Singapore Polytechnic’s Open House and was awe-struck by the navigation simulator housed within the school, and wanted to discover new things that I would be interested in. Maritime was definitely one of them.”*

Since 2007, a total of 312 MaritimeONE scholarships worth more than S\$8.2 million have been awarded to outstanding students to pursue courses in Singapore and overseas.

*“In our drive as a leading International Maritime Centre (IMC), we have embarked on various initiatives to build up a strong maritime talent pipeline. Our investments in manpower are crucial in providing aspiring professionals with inroads into the industry and are a significant indication of our maritime clusters’ efforts to remain competitive.”* said Mr David Chin, Executive Director at the Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF), who was heartened by the strong support from the industry.

The MaritimeONE is now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year and to celebrate this milestone, initiatives such as the MaritimeONE Scholars Advance Programme, and a new microsite will be rolled out later this year.

Details regarding the MaritimeONE Scholarship Programme and its supported courses can be found in [Annex A](#).

The Tripartite Maritime Scholarship (TMSS) is jointly sponsored by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA), shipping companies, the Singapore Maritime Officers’ Union (SMOU) and the Singapore Organisation of Seamen (SOS). The scholarship aims to groom promising students to become Ship Captains and Chief Engineers of ocean-going merchant ships and future leaders of Singapore’s maritime industry.

A total of 12 TMSS scholarships valued at about S\$900,000 were awarded at the ceremony, for students enrolled in the Nautical Studies and Marine Engineering diploma programmes offered at the Singapore Maritime Academy in Singapore Polytechnic. This year, corporate co-sponsors of the TMSS scholarships are PACC Ship Managers Pte Ltd, Pacific International Lines Pte Ltd, Thome Ship Management Pte Ltd and Sea Consortium Pte Ltd (X-PRESS FEEDERS).

Further details regarding the TMSS can be found in [Annex B](#).

### **2017 TMSS Scholar Mr Joseph Chew: Marrying ambition of becoming a Chief Engineer with dreams of travelling onboard a ship to see the world**

TMSS Scholar, Joseph Chew’s ambition is to be an engineer. Having done well for his GCE ‘O’ Levels, Mr Chew explored various education options. His mother had wanted him to attend a junior college, and pursue an engineering degree at the university in time. He chose to pursue a Diploma in Marine Engineering at the Singapore Polytechnic. To Joseph, his choice is a win-win route which will not only help him realise his ambition to be an engineer but also fulfil his desire to explore the world onboard a ship, *“Although I’ve always wanted to be an*

*engineer, I'm at the same time drawn to the sea. A career as a marine engineer is optimal as it combines both of my interests. This TMSS scholarship will help me be more financially-independent and provide me the opportunity to gain a head start in my seafaring career and ultimately achieving my dream of becoming a Chief Engineer.”* Upon graduation, Joseph will begin his career with Pacific International Lines Pte Ltd.

### **2017 TMSS Scholar Ms Nurul Fazira: Aspirations to be a female Ship Captain and mentor to future talents in the maritime sector**

Nurul Fazira has always loved ship designs and how they function. Filled with a desire to become a Ship Captain someday, Nurul believes that hard work and perseverance will get her closer to her aspirations *“Since young, my mother used to tell me stories of my late maternal grandfather’s adventures at sea. When I was 13, I followed my father who was a ship broker, for a ship inspection. It was when I was on the ship that I became very sure I would want to take command of a ship one day.”* Upon graduation, Nurul will begin her career with X-PRESS FEEDERS.

Citing plans for the future maritime economy, Mr Niam Chiang Meng, Chairman, Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) said, *“These are exciting times. The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore or MPA, will be working with our stakeholders to map out an Industry Transformation Map (ITM) for the Sea Transport sector. The ITM will serve as a blueprint that encompasses strategies for productivity improvement, innovation and the right skills to drive future industry growth. With all these developments, many exciting career opportunities lie ahead for our new batch of 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), the 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 aims 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 talent to join the sector. SMF is directed by its Board of Directors which comprises prominent leaders in the Singapore maritime community. For details, visit <http://www.smf.com.sg/>.

## Annex A – MaritimeONE Scholarship Programme

### 1. About the MaritimeONE Scholarship Programme

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

A total of 37 maritime-related degree and diploma programmes are supported by the MaritimeONE scholarships this year. These courses have been identified by SMF in consultation with maritime-related organisations which are at liberty to select the course(s) for their identified scholars. As the MaritimeONE Secretariat, SMF conducts various outreach initiatives to inform the public of the MaritimeONE scholarship programme for these 26 degree and diploma programmes, and coordinates the interviews for sponsors to meet the scholarship applicants. After the interviews, sponsors would then advise SMF on their selected candidates for the award.

This year, there are 17 sponsors for 37 MaritimeONE scholarships which are valued at more than S\$870,000. Of these scholarships, 29 of them are noted to be bond free.

Sponsoring companies this year include "K" Line Pte Ltd, American Bureau of Shipping, Fednav Singapore Pte Ltd, Global Maritime Talent Pte Ltd, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC), Jurong Port Pte Ltd, NORDEN Shipping (Singapore) Pte Ltd, Pacific Carriers Ltd, Pacific International Lines Pte Ltd, PSA Corporation Ltd, Plymouth University, Sailors' Society, Singapore Maritime Academy (Singapore Polytechnic), Singapore Maritime Officers' Union, Singapore Shipping Association, The Chua Chor Teck Memorial Fund and The Oza Family.

Since the inaugural Scholarship Awards Ceremony in 2007, a total of 312 scholarships, worth more than S\$8.2 million, have been awarded to outstanding students for their pursuit of maritime-related courses in Singapore and overseas.

### 2. Courses Supported by the MaritimeONE Scholarship Programme

<b>Business and Law-related degree courses</b>
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 Track, Singapore Management University (SMU)
4. Bachelor of Science in International Transportation and Trade, State University of New York, USA
5. Bachelor of Science (Honours) Maritime Business and Logistics, Plymouth University, United Kingdom (PU)
6. Bachelor of Science (Honours) Maritime Business and Maritime Law, PU
7. Bachelor of Science (Honours) Maritime Transportation and Logistics, PU
8. Bachelor of Science (Honours) Navigation and Maritime Science, PU
<b>Engineering-related degree courses</b>
9. Bachelor of Engineering (Computer Engineering), NTU
10. Bachelor of Engineering (Computer Science), NTU
11. Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical & Electronic Engineering), NTU
12. Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical Engineering), NTU
13. Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical Engineering) with specialisation in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, NTU

14. Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) with specialisation in Offshore Engineering, National University of Singapore (NUS)
15. Bachelor of Engineering (Computer Engineering), NUS
16. Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical Engineering), NUS
17. Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical) with specialisation in Offshore Oil & Gas Technology, NUS
18. Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical Engineering), NUS
19. Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Marine Engineering, Newcastle University, UK with Singapore Institute of Technology (NU - SIT)
20. Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Naval Architecture, NU – SIT
21. Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Offshore Engineering, NU - SIT
22. Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Electrical Power Engineering, NU – SIT

#### **Computing-related degree courses**

23. Bachelor of Computing (Computer Science), NUS

#### **Maritime diploma courses**

24. Diploma in Maritime Business, Singapore Maritime Academy - Singapore Polytechnic (SMA - SP)
25. Diploma in Marine Engineering, SMA - SP
26. Diploma in Nautical Studies, SMA - SP

## Annex B – Tripartite Maritime Scholarship Scheme (TMSS)

### 1. About the TMSS

The Tripartite Maritime Scholarship (TMSS) was introduced in 2002 and 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 and has a bond period of 3 years on seagoing appointment, upon attainment of Deck/Marine Engineer Officer CoC Class 2, with sponsoring shipping company. 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 enhanced in 2015 to provide more opportunities for Singaporeans to take up seafaring careers. Under the enhanced scheme, MPA has set aside an additional S\$6 million over the next five years to award up to 20 scholarships every year.

This year, 12 TMSS scholarships with an estimated value of S\$900,000, were given out. The sponsoring companies are the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA), PACC Ship Managers Pte Ltd, Pacific International Lines Pte Ltd, Thome Ship Management Pte Ltd, Sea Consortium Pte Ltd (X-PRESS FEEDERS), Singapore Maritime Officers' Union and Singapore Organisation of Seamen. To date, more than 150 TMSS scholarships have been awarded.

### 2. Courses Supported by the TMSS

Maritime diploma courses
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Diploma in Marine Engineering, SMA - SP</li><li>2. Diploma in Nautical Studies, SMA - SP</li></ol>