

## Press Release

# RECORD TURNOUT FOR FIRST-EVER MARITIME CAREERS WORKSHOP FOR GRADUATES OF ALL DISCIPLINES

**Seven Leading Maritime Companies Partner the Maritime Singapore Connect (MSC) Office to Share about Career Opportunities in the Singapore Maritime Industry**

**Singapore, 18 August 2017** – Over 140 undergraduates from across all disciplines, working professionals with less than two years of work experience and industry partners gathered earlier this afternoon at the Pan Pacific Singapore for the MSC Maritime Careers Workshop. Participants had the rare opportunity to learn from seven leading local and international maritime companies about career opportunities in an industry that contributes to 7% of Singapore’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

Interest in the Careers Workshop surged this year, with numbers doubling from the inaugural edition. The event started by the MSC Office, an initiative of the Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF), had focused on maritime and engineering students last year, with an emphasis on job roles in the port and shipping sectors. This year, in response to the industry’s desire to attract talent in both maritime and non-maritime fields, the MSC Office expanded the programme to include graduates of all disciplines as well as working professionals new to the workforce.

The seven companies involved in the breakout sessions to share about their businesses and typical job roles included **Jurong Port, Maersk Singapore, Pacific Carriers Limited (PCL), PACC Offshore Services Holdings (POSH), PSA Corporation, QBE Insurance (Singapore) and Western Bulk.**

***“We are encouraged by the strong interest in this year’s event and it is noteworthy that more than half of the signups are from graduates of a non-maritime discipline. As the world’s leading International Maritime Centre (IMC) and premier global hub port, there are over 5,000 companies in Maritime Singapore which will need talent from all disciplines.*”**

***This event aims to show our graduates why Maritime is an industry of choice, and provide entry-level jobseekers an idea of what they can expect by being part of the workforce,***” said Mr David Chin, Executive Director of the Singapore Maritime Foundation.

“I found out about the Maritime Careers Workshop online and wanted to find out more about the industry. As a fresh graduate, I was keen to learn about the various jobs available that would benefit me, commented Ms Ang Yen Ting from SIM/University of Birmingham, a graduate in International Business Studies. “The interactive session provided insights from people from all walks of life and who are all now in the maritime industry. It was an eye-opener and it now gives me an avenue in finding the right job. I will definitely attend more MSC events in the near future.”

Mr Lim Ziyi, Zac, a Year 4 SMU Maritime Economics Track student tells us of his experience after attending this workshop, “This workshop is well-structured and it is great to be able to interact with speakers from such well-known companies. I was given a lot of insights into the maritime industry from the professionals, making me more confident to pursue a career in this industry.”

***“Our talent pool is a critical success factor in our drive to becoming the next generation multipurpose port operator. We are always keen to share with interested parties the exciting career opportunities within Jurong Port. The MSC Maritime Careers Workshop provides us with an engaging platform to reach out to a diverse group of talented jobseekers,***” said Ms Venny, Deputy Manager of Human Resources from Jurong Port.

***“The maritime industry is evolving as with many other industries these days, and we need to be able to tap into pools of talent not traditionally associated with shipping. We are happy to partner with the Maritime Singapore Connect Office for this event to showcase the wide range of opportunities of employment this great industry can offer; we need everything from traders and programmers to lawyers and risk managers!”*** said Ms Sigrid Schrødter Teig, Chief Process Officer and General Manager of Western Bulk Pte Ltd, a leading dry bulk shipping operator headquartered in Oslo, with offices in Singapore, Seattle and Santiago.

The MSC Maritime Careers Workshop follows on from the recent launch of the new Maritime Singapore Connect website ([www.maritimesgconnect.com](http://www.maritimesgconnect.com)) last month, as a one-stop resource for information of interest to students and jobseekers. Individuals could upload their resumes as an indication of their interest in internships or jobs, and maritime companies in Singapore would use the website to contact interested candidates whenever a suitable role arises.

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**Photos from the event**



Ms Ang Yen Ting, second from left during the breakout session



Ms Venny, Deputy Manager of Human Resources of Jurong Port



Mr Andreas Sohmen-Pao with recipients of token of appreciation

## **ABOUT SINGAPORE MARITIME FOUNDATION**

Established in 2004, the Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF) is a private sector-led organisation 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, SMF 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, please visit [www.smf.com.sg](http://www.smf.com.sg).

## **ABOUT MARITIME SINGAPORE CONNECT OFFICE**

The Maritime Singapore Connect (MSC) Office was set up with a \$4 million commitment by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore in 2016 to complement efforts by the Sectoral Tripartite Committee for Transport (Sea) to attract more Singaporeans to join the maritime industry, following feedback from the industry.

The unit under the Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF) works on various fronts to elevate profiling efforts of the maritime industry, connect students and jobseekers to maritime opportunities, and provide Singaporeans with easy access to maritime careers, education and training opportunities.

As a central node connecting maritime employers, industry associations, schools and government agencies on all things maritime, the MSC Office offers maritime-related education and career guidance, links the industry with schools for internship and job opportunities, and organises outreach events and publicity campaigns.

For details, visit [www.maritimesgconnect.com](http://www.maritimesgconnect.com) or email us at [msc@sgmf.com.sg](mailto:msc@sgmf.com.sg).

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## **Maritime Singapore Connect (MSC) Office Factsheet**



The Singapore maritime industry is diverse and dynamic, and offers multiple pathways to a rewarding and enriching maritime career. However, the challenge lies in reaching out effectively to students and jobseekers when the pool of information resides with different parties depending on the individual's area of interest.

To address this, the Maritime Singapore Connect (MSC) Office was set up in 2016 with a \$4 million commitment from the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore. The unit under the Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF) complements efforts by the Sectoral Tripartite Committee for Transport (Sea) to attract more Singaporeans to join the maritime industry, following feedback from the industry.

The MSC Office serves as a central node connecting maritime employers, industry associations, schools and government agencies on all things maritime for students and jobseekers. It leverages on its network of partnerships to elevate profiling efforts of the maritime industry, connect students and jobseekers to maritime opportunities, and provide Singaporeans with easy access to maritime careers, education and training opportunities.

The new Maritime Singapore Connect website ([www.maritimesgconnect.com](http://www.maritimesgconnect.com)), launched in July 2017, is one of the engagement channels by the MSC Office. Students and jobseekers now have a one-stop resource on all things maritime – from education and career options, to the scholarships and management trainee programmes offered by maritime employers in Singapore. They could also upload their resumes to indicate interest in internships and jobs, for maritime companies to contact them when there is a suitable opportunity. The website also has videos and feature stories to help provide a better understanding of the careers and opportunities in the maritime industry.

Access to the resume database is free for maritime companies with a registered account, although the system will not release the individual's resume until his/her consent, to protect the jobseeker's confidentiality. Maritime companies in Singapore could also tap on this new online platform to market internship, job, scholarship and management trainee programmes without cost.

Apart from the website, the MSC Office also works with various partners on maritime-related education and career guidance matters, linking the industry to schools for internship and job opportunities, and organising outreach events and publicity campaigns.

The MSC Office also leverages on its network of partnerships to identify opportunities and areas of need to help maritime companies in Singapore in their manpower profiling and recruitment efforts.

The MSC Office can also be found on the following social media platforms:

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/MaritimeSingaporeConnect](https://www.facebook.com/MaritimeSingaporeConnect)  
LinkedIn: [www.linkedin.com/company/the-maritime-singapore-connect-msc-office](https://www.linkedin.com/company/the-maritime-singapore-connect-msc-office)  
Instagram: [www.instagram.com/officemsc/](https://www.instagram.com/officemsc/)  
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