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Press Release

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S\$1.7 million in Scholarships Awarded by the Singapore Maritime Industry for Local & Overseas Studies

Singapore, 14 August 2013 – As part of the maritime industry's efforts to attract young people and expand the talent pool, a total of 52 scholarships worth about S\$1.7 million were awarded this year. Sponsored by maritime companies and organisations, the MaritimeONE (Maritime Outreach Network) scholarships and Tripartite Maritime Scholarship Scheme (TMSS) support various local and overseas diploma and degree programmes. In all, 42 MaritimeONE and 10 TMSS scholarships were presented at the MaritimeONE Scholarship Awards ceremony held at the Sheraton Towers Singapore this evening. The number of MaritimeONE scholarships awarded this year is a record-high at 42, an increase of more than 40 per cent from the number awarded last year.

MaritimeONE scholarships

Funds for the MaritimeONE Scholarships are pledged by sponsoring maritime companies, which span from shipping lines, shipyards to maritime ancillary service companies. This year, 20 companies sponsored 42 MaritimeONE scholarships valued at more than S\$1.1 million. Sponsoring companies this year include "K" Line Pte Ltd; Celeste Holding Pte Ltd; Chong Lee Leong Seng Co Ltd; Fednav Singapore Pte Ltd; F.H. Bertling Chartering and Ship Management Pte Ltd; Genshipping Pacific Line Pte Ltd; Haider Nawaz (personal sponsorship); IMC Industrial Co. Pte Ltd; Jurong Port Pte Ltd; L.C.H. (S) Pte Ltd; M3 Marine Group Pte Ltd; Pacific Carriers Ltd; Pacific International Lines (Pte) Ltd; Sembcorp Marine Ltd; Singapore

Maritime Academy - Singapore Polytechnic; Singapore Maritime Officers' Union; SMTC Global (Singapore) Pte Ltd; Swire Pacific Offshore Operations (Pte) Ltd; The China Navigation Co. Ltd; and The Chua Chor Teck Memorial Fund.

MaritimeONE scholars are able to choose from a wide spectrum of 22 courses – 19 business, law and engineering degrees offered by eight local and overseas universities, as well as three maritime diploma programmes at the Singapore Maritime Academy in Singapore Polytechnic. For the first time this year, MaritimeONE Scholarships were awarded to a 4th year student taking the Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical) specialisation in Offshore Oil & Gas Technology at the National University of Singapore and a 3rd year student taking the Bachelor of Law at the Singapore Management University. This indicates a growing interest amongst youths in the maritime industry as MaritimeONE scholars would pursue their careers in this industry upon graduation.

Since 2007, a total of 160 MaritimeONE scholarships worth more than S\$4.3 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.

“MaritimeONE scholars enjoy a good head start in the maritime industry – a key pillar of our economy, which contributes about 7 per cent to Singapore’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Apart from funding their studies, sponsoring companies also offer internships and job opportunities. Singapore is a leading international maritime centre, and many opportunities abound in our shipping, port, maritime ancillary service and offshore sectors. We hope that more young people would consider pursuing their careers in this industry,” said Mr Michael Chia, Chairman of the Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF) and MaritimeONE, who delivered the welcome address at the scholarship awards ceremony.

TMSS scholarships

A total of 10 TMSS scholarships were also awarded at the ceremony this evening, totalling about S\$600,000 in value, 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). This year, the shipping companies co-sponsoring the TMSS scholarships are APL Co Pte Ltd, PACC Ship Managers Pte Ltd and Pacific International Lines Pte Ltd. For details on the TMSS scholarships, please refer to Appendix A.

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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.

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.

Appendix A: Scholarship Details for MaritimeONE Scholarship Awards Ceremony 2013

(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 22 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 22 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, 20 companies are sponsoring 42 MaritimeONE scholarships, valued at more than S\$1.1 million. Of these, 26 of the awarded MaritimeONE scholarships are bond free.

Since the inaugural Scholarship Awards Ceremony in 2007, a total of 160 scholarships, worth more than S\$4.3 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; Celeste Holding Pte Ltd; Chong Lee Leong Seng Co Ltd; F.H. Bertling Chartering and Ship Management Pte Ltd; Fednav Singapore Pte Ltd; Genshipping Pacific Line Pte Ltd; Haider Nawaz (personal sponsorship); IMC Industrial Co. Pte Ltd; Jurong Port Pte Ltd; Keppel Offshore & Marine Ltd; L.C.H. (S) Pte Ltd; Lloyd's Register Foundation; M3 Marine Group Pte Ltd; Pacific Carriers Ltd; Pacific International Lines (Pte) Ltd; PSA Corporation Ltd; Sembcorp Marine Ltd; Singapore Maritime Academy - Singapore Polytechnic; Singapore Maritime Officers' Union; SMTC Global (Singapore) Pte Ltd; Swire Pacific Offshore Operations (Pte) Ltd; The China Navigation Co. Ltd; The Chua Chor Teck Memorial Fund; Thome Ship Management Pte Ltd and Tru-Marine Pte Ltd.

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), Singapore Management University (SMU)
4. Bachelor of Business Management, SMU
5. Bachelor of Business Laws, SMU

6. Bachelor of Maritime Operations, Maritime Institute Willem Barentsz, The Netherlands with Singapore Polytechnic (MIWB - SP)
7. Bachelor of Business Administration with Specialisation in Maritime Transportation Management, (MIWB - SP)
8. Bachelor of Business Administration (International Logistics), Chung-Ang University, Korea
9. Bachelor of Science in International Transportation and Trade, State University of New York, USA
10. Bachelor of Science with Honours in Maritime Business and Logistics, Plymouth University, United Kingdom (PU)
11. Bachelor of Science with Honours in Maritime Business and Maritime Law, PU

Engineering-related degree courses

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

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 2002, a total of 128 scholarships have been co-sponsored by MPA, the seafarer unions and shipping companies 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, 10 TMSS scholarships, worth about S\$600,000, were given out. The sponsoring shipping companies were APL Co Pte Ltd, PACC Ship Managers Pte Ltd and Pacific International Lines Pte Ltd.

Courses supported by the TMSS Scholarships

Maritime diploma courses

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