

Press Release

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David Chin, Executive Director of SMF, to be Honoured with a Lloyd's List Asia Award for His Contribution to Maritime Singapore

Singapore, 14 October 2015 – David Chin, Executive Director of the Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF) will receive the Pioneer Generation Award at the upcoming Lloyd's List Asia Awards 2015 event. He is the first recipient of an award started this year to recognise individuals for their contributions to the maritime industry over the course of their career. The Pioneer Generation Award will be presented alongside those in 14 other categories at an awards dinner at The Fullerton Hotel in Singapore on 28 October 2015.

“We are happy that David will be receiving the inaugural Pioneer Generation Award and it is truly a well-deserved recognition for his wide-spanning service in Singapore’s maritime industry over the past 53 years. SMF, and the industry as a whole, have benefitted much from David’s wealth of experience and extensive network of contacts across the maritime community. His passion and relentless pursuit of all things in the best interests of Maritime Singapore are qualities that all who know him can attest to, and he is also a valued mentor to many of us,” said Mr Michael Chia, Chairman of SMF.

Mr Chin started his maritime career as an apprentice in a ship repair yard where he later took charge of commercial management and marketing. In 1985, he joined the Trade Development Board (now known as International Enterprise Singapore) and progressed through various divisions before he became the Deputy Chief Executive Officer in 1994.

He was the Director General (Trade) of the Ministry of Trade and Industry, till his retirement from the Singapore government service in 2007. Thereafter, Mr Chin continued as a Consultant to the Ministry of Trade and Industry on trade issues for five more years till 2011.

Mr Chin was a Board Member of the Port of Singapore Authority, as well as Jurong Port, and served twice as a Director on the Board of Singapore International Arbitration Centre for 11 years. He was also the Deputy Chairman of the Singapore Commodity Exchange for eight years, and a Board Director of Pacific Shipping Trust Management Pte Ltd.

He is currently a Board Director of the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA), and a Vice President and Council Member of the Institute of Marine Engineering Science and Technology (IMarEST) London, United Kingdom.

Mr Chin is also active in contributions to maritime education, as part of three committees in Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore Polytechnic (SP) and Ngee Ann Polytechnic (NP). He chairs the Programme Advisory Committee (PAC) for the Bachelor of Science (Maritime Studies) programme at NTU, which looks after the curriculum and teaching requirements of the degree programme. He is also a member of SP's Maritime Industry Advisory Committee (MIAC) and NP's Marine and Offshore Technology Advisory Committee (MOTAC), which look after the curriculum and teaching of the maritime-related diplomas at the respective polytechnics.

Mr Chin, who holds a first class honours degree in engineering from the Newcastle-Upon-Tyne Polytechnic in the UK, took on his current role as Executive Director of the SMF on 1 February 2007. As a private sector-led organisation, SMF works closely with the maritime business community and the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) to grow Maritime Singapore through various initiatives.

Since 2007, the joint efforts of SMF and the industry to develop and promote Singapore as an International Maritime Centre have borne fruit. These include the

reconstitution of the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration, the development and launch of the Singapore Ship Sale Form, as well as the recognition of Singapore to represent the Asian seat of arbitration in BIMCO contracts.

SMF's flagship event – the Sea Asia conference and exhibition, started in 2007 as an iconic international maritime event for the region, has also grown to become Asia's largest maritime event, with 16,185 participants from 85 different countries at the 2015 edition.

The MaritimeONE (Maritime Outreach Network) initiative – a joint effort between SMF, MPA, the Association of Singapore Marine Industries and the Singapore Shipping Association, has also made headway in promoting and profiling the maritime industry to the young. This is a key platform where SMF works with MaritimeONE partners to organise promotional campaigns, networking and student outreach events, and administer the MaritimeONE Scholarships. Since 2007, a total of 238 industry-sponsored MaritimeONE Scholarships worth over S\$6.5 million have been awarded to students for maritime-related studies both locally and overseas.

For more information, please refer to Lloyd's List Asia Awards 2015 press release attached at Appendix A.

Appendix A: Lloyd's List Asia Awards 2015 Press Release

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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.



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Singapore Maritime Foundation's David Chin to receive Pioneer Generation Award this month

David Chin, Executive Director of the Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF) will be honoured with the Pioneer Generation Award at the upcoming Lloyd's List Asia Awards 2015, in Singapore on Wednesday 28 October.

David Chin, whose service to Singapore's maritime sectors spans 53 years, is currently spearheading the aims and objectives of the SMF which include serving as the link between public and private sectors in the maritime industry, driving initiatives to attract and nurture talent in Singapore's maritime sector, and pursuing all opportunities to help maintain Singapore a leading international maritime centre.

"It has been my privilege to be able to contribute to Maritime Singapore," said Mr Chin on learning he is to be honoured with the first Pioneer Generation Award.

"Mr Chin has been a key contributor to Singapore's stature as a global maritime hub. Perhaps no one else in Singapore has had positive influence over time across all sectors crucial to maritime development. He is a maritime national treasure," said Tom Leander, Asia Editor of Lloyd's List.

Mr Chin, who holds a first class degree in engineering from the UK, began his maritime career as an apprentice in a ship repair yard where he later took charge of commercial management and marketing. In 1985, he joined the Trade Development Board (now known as International Enterprise Singapore) where he contributed in divisions including Export of Services Division, International Trading Division, Multilateral Trade Policy Division, Shipping and Logistics Division, and the Trade Facilitation and Administration Division.

He became Deputy Chief Executive Officer in 1994 and was appointed Director General (Trade) for the ASEAN Division in 2002.

In January 2004, he was appointed Director General (Trade) in Singapore's Ministry of Trade and Industry where he served until he retired from government service in 2007 – although he continued as a Consultant to the Ministry for five more years.

David Chin has also served the maritime community on numerous advisory boards. He was a Board Member of the Port of Singapore Authority, as well as Jurong Port, and served twice as a Director on the Board of Singapore International Arbitration Centre for 11 years. He was also the Deputy Chairman of the Singapore Commodity Exchange for eight years, and a Board Director of Pacific Shipping Trust Management Pte Ltd.

He is currently a Board Director of the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA), and a Vice President and Council Member of the Institute of Marine Engineering Science and Technology (IMarEST) London, United Kingdom.

On 11 April 2013, David Chin was honoured with the International Maritime Centre Award (Individual) by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore for his significant lifetime contributions to the development of Singapore as an International Maritime Centre.

The recipient of the Pioneer Generation Award is the only one to be announced in advance. A regional panel of independent judges has considered dozens of entries in other categories. The winners will be announced at a gala dinner in Singapore, at the Fullerton Hotel, on Wednesday 28 October.

The Lloyd's List Asia Awards are sponsored by ClassNK, HPH and PSA International, and supported by the Asian Shipowners Forum, The Baltic Exchange, the Hong Kong Shipowners Association, and the Singapore Shipping Association.

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