

CHARTING THE UNKNOWN

Both scholars know a thing or two about stepping out of their comfort zones and dealing with the unfamiliar. During the scholarship interview, Amanda had to give a presentation on how Singapore could become an international maritime centre – a daunting task for someone fresh out of junior college. However, the 19-year-old embraced the challenge with open arms. “It prepared me for the course, and made me see that I have what it takes to tough it out.”

Meanwhile, Hwee Lin had to compete with many younger and possibly more book-smart applicants for the scholarship. Despite him being unwell on the day of the interview, the panel was impressed with his confidence to pursue a Bachelor of Maritime Operations and his determination to succeed in the maritime industry.

“In my early years of working in the maritime industry, I realised that it was not easy to find people who were skilled and knowledgeable to share their experience and expertise,” he recalls. “I see myself playing a part in educating the younger generation who may be considering a career in the maritime industry and sharing my passion with them.”

FORGING CHARACTER

Since taking on the scholarships, Amanda and Hwee Lin have grown tremendously.

“I have learnt to be more disciplined as I have an obligation to fulfil. I don’t want to lose the maritime scholarship which I have worked so hard to get,” says Amanda.

Having to balance between full-time studies at sea and maintaining close relationships with loved ones back home has taught Hwee Lin time management skills. “The best way to juggle both responsibilities is to have the understanding of family members and loved ones – by sharing work challenges with them while remaining focused in my studies.”

Some MaritimeONE scholars are obliged to work in the maritime industry for three years upon graduation. “If you’re considering this route, you should read up on the various sectors of the maritime industry, to get a better understanding of

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this diverse industry,” Amanda advises.

Hwee Lin agrees, “One should not decide his future based on just the opinions of friends or on hearsay about the good annual remuneration package that the job offers. You should follow your heart and pursue your passion.”

Both students also highlighted the importance of keeping abreast of changes in the ever evolving maritime sector. “There are always new technologies, new things to learn in a fast-paced industry like the maritime industry. I’m looking forward to joining such a dynamic industry,” Amanda shares.

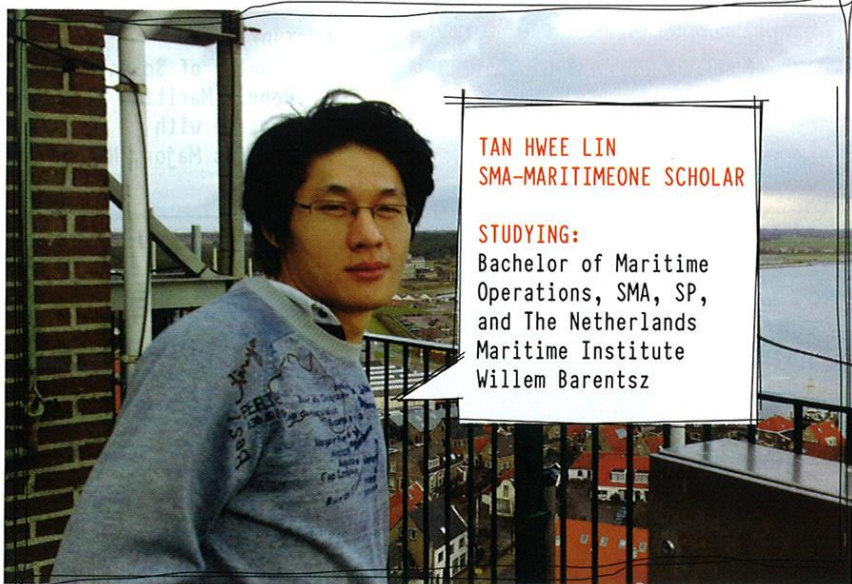
pillars of the Singapore economy. With the nation’s reliance on trade shipping, the local maritime industry has no doubt been a significant contributor to Singapore’s economic growth and success. Today, Singapore is one of the leading maritime centres in the world and has won many accolades.

For these two young scholars, the maritime sector is their industry of choice.

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THE WINNING CHOICE

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