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MARITIME BABES

They say that gender is irrelative to success. And affirming to this testament, we see more females choosing to take up a degree course in the maritime compared to other courses. In this issue, we chat up with two young gals, from NTU, who have both chosen to row their boat of success in the maritime industry.

Chie Khang Ning

On why she chose a course in Maritime Studies

Its vibrancy and dynamism, together with a wide array of interesting opportunities has inspired me to join the maritime industry. My family is also very supportive of my decision so it also strengthens my belief that this is the right choice.

On how SMF assisted in her decision

SMF had advertised in the classified section of the newspaper after the release of the A level results regarding the scholarships on offer for the study of BSc in maritime studies. After reading the information provided by SMF, I decided to surf its website and found it to be very user-friendly and direct. I actually downloaded my application form from its website to apply for the scholarship.

On how she is keeping in touch with the Industry

I attend networking sessions with Keppel and I'm always surfing the internet and reading the newspaper for updates on the shipping industry. I believe that my attachment at Keppel will also prepare me for future responsibilities.

On which department she is setting her sights on

I would like to work in the logistics department as it is both interesting and challenging. Logistics consists of many nodes along a chain and I believe it is definitely a challenge to make sure customer satisfaction is always there. I also hope to travel to different countries to work and experience different work cultures.

On the need for passion to succeed

Yes, I believe only when a person has passion in the maritime industry will he or she strive and experience satisfaction in their work.

Cai Kewei

On what inspired her

My fondness for the sea had encouraged me to choose a course related to it. I believed that the industry is full of opportunities for one to explore around as long as one has passion and drive.

On her favourite subjects

My favourite subjects include Shipping Economics, Ship chartering, Maritime law & Maritime Insurance. These subjects have greatly allowed me understand more about the industry.

On her experience at Copenhagen, Denmark.

During my attachment, I was assigned to 7 different departments each for a week as an intern. The departments that I was assigned to were Chartering, Operations, Fleet Management, Safety, Marine HR, Insurance and New building. This experience had greatly aided my knowledge of the tanker trade and allowed me to have a first hand experience in the industry. It was also a fulfilling experience to complete the tasks allocated to me.

On advice she would like to share

The maritime industry is bursting with opportunities and still expanding, extending an invitation to the younger generation. I will suggest they should consider carefully and pursue something they are interested in.

On future growth opportunities in the maritime industry

I believe I will be able to learn about the industry and gain experience along the way. As long as I am equipped with the passion to learn, the opportunities for growth will be abundant.

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Career Talks and Advisory Sessions

An exciting career awaits those who are gamed for challenges in the ever-changing maritime industry. Prospects are bright for job-seekers keen on seafaring, shore-based, offshore or marine engineering careers. The maritime industry is also on the lookout for talents in the ancillary services sectors including shipbroking, ship planning and logistics, maritime arbitration, ship financing and ship surveying.

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Maritime professionals will also be present from 2pm- 4pm to provide one-on-one Career Advisory Sessions for anyone who is keen to know about the industry and the sea of opportunities. You can also know find out more about maritime-related courses and the maritime scholarships available from our exhibiting educational institutions.

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- Polytechnic students
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