

**SPEECH BY MR MICHAEL CHIA, CHAIRMAN, SINGAPORE  
MARITIME FOUNDATION AT THE SPEAKERS' DINNER OF SEA  
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LEVEL 4, THE FULLERTON HOTEL**

Distinguished guests,

Sponsors, speakers and partners of *Sea Asia 2011*

Good evening and a very warm welcome

1. It gives me great pleasure to be here today in the presence of many maritime leaders who have specially travelled across continents from various parts of the world to join us this evening at the *Sea Asia* Speakers' Dinner reception.
2. Since the inaugural launch of *Sea Asia* in 2007, the *Sea Asia* show has grown from strength to strength. The *Sea Asia* 2009 show was last year awarded the prestigious *Exhibition of the Year* award in the Singapore Experience Awards organised by Singapore Tourism Board. This award is indeed a significant milestone, as it is a recognition that we are indeed on the right track to making this show the iconic maritime show of Singapore.
3. The close tripartite partnership between the government, in particular, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA), the co-organisers, Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF) and

Seatrade, and the Singapore maritime community has enabled *Sea Asia* to grow in stature and importance over the years. *Sea Asia 2011* is the third edition and the largest edition of the show ever and will be staged as one of the anchor events of the week-long Singapore Maritime Week organised by MPA.

4. Through *Sea Asia*, we strive to project the Asian voice of shipping in a more impactful manner. We hope to make *Sea Asia* a “must attend” maritime event in this region, one where maritime leaders and associates can discuss pertinent maritime issues, gain insights about the Asian markets from the impressive panel of maritime speakers and network with the global and Asian maritime community.
5. *Sea Asia* would not have been possible without the concerted efforts of the Singapore maritime community to stage a mega-maritime show of world-class standing, one that would fly the Singapore flag high. I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all maritime leaders, members in the various *Sea Asia* subcommittees, sponsors, speakers and participating companies and exhibitors.
6. I also like to thank Sembcorp Marine for sponsoring this evening’s Speakers’ Dinner. To all overseas guests and participants of *Sea Asia 2011*, I hope you will be able to benefit greatly from the conference and at the same time enjoy your stay in Singapore.

Thank you.

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