

Speech by Mr S. S.Teo
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at the Speakers' Dinner Ceremony of *Sea Asia 2009*,
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Conrad Centennial Hotel

Ladies and Gentlemen

Sponsors and partners of *Sea Asia 2009*,

Good evening.

1. A very warm welcome to our distinguished speakers and partners of *Sea Asia 2009*.

2. It is indeed our pleasure to have so many maritime leaders gathered in Singapore for *Sea Asia 2009*. To all our speakers, thank you for taking time off your busy schedules to be part of *Sea Asia 2009*. With the strong line-up of speakers, I'm confident that the *Sea Asia 2009* will be greatly insightful to the participants and the global maritime community.

3. The inaugural *Sea Asia 2007* has received great response from the international maritime community. When we set out to organise *Sea Asia 2009*, we were determined to make this show larger in scale and more successful.

4. This second show has marked many firsts. This is the first time that *Sea Asia* is organised as one of the anchor events of the Singapore Maritime Week. For the first time, we have formed the International Advisory Panel which comprises 12 prominent personalities of the maritime industry to provide guidance throughout the development of *Sea Asia 2009*. This year, we are honoured to have Senior Minister, Professor S. Jayakumar, Senior Minister and Co-ordinating Minister for

National Security as the Guest-of-Honour for the official opening ceremony of *Sea Asia 2009*.

5. *Sea Asia 2009* is the manifestation of the camaraderie of the Asian maritime community. The organisers, Seatrade and the Singapore Maritime Foundation, SMF, have been working closely with the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore and the major maritime players in Asia to bring *Sea Asia 2009* into fruition.
6. This evening, we are honoured to have Chairman of MPA, Mr Lucien Wong as our Guest-of-Honour. We thank him for gracing this occasion. SMF and MPA have forged a strong working partnership to promote the maritime industry and steer Singapore towards its vision to be a leading International Maritime Centre.
7. I would like to express my sincere thanks to PSA for sponsoring this evening's Speakers' Dinner. PSA is one of the key pillars of the maritime industry and has been a strong supporter of the SMF and *Sea Asia*. Mr Kuah Boon Wee, Chief Executive Officer of PSA International is one of the key speakers for the first day session on Container Shipping and Logistics and Ms Wong Fong Tze, PSA's Vice President for Corporate Communications is also in the PR Sub-committee.
8. We are confident that *Sea Asia* will become the iconic maritime event of Singapore and Asia. I would like to urge you to continue to give your support to *Sea Asia* in 2011 and many future ones to come.
9. To all our speakers, I wish that you will enjoy the conferences and events of *Sea*

Asia 200 in the next three days. And to our overseas guests, I hope you will have a pleasant stay in Singapore.

Thank you and have a pleasant evening.