

Maritime Youth Forum 2025 Brings Together Singapore’s Tertiary Talent to Discuss Global Issues, Deepen Networks, and Discover Maritime Careers

Spearheaded by the Singapore Maritime Foundation, the Maritime Youth Forum is an initiative organised by students for students

Singapore, 24 January 2025 — The Maritime Youth Forum 2025, a platform to build a community amongst Singapore’s university and polytechnic students across diverse disciplines and connect them with the industry, welcomed over 250 youth and industry executives last evening. Initiated by the Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF), the event was organised by the student leaders of maritime-related societies from Nanyang Technological University, Singapore Institute of Technology, Singapore Management University, Singapore University of Social Sciences, and Singapore Polytechnic.

The event was graced by Guest-of-Honour Mr. Baey Yam Keng, Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment & Ministry of Transport.

A highlight of the forum was a student-moderated panel discussion themed “Navigating a World in Flux” which explored how maritime leaders navigate a changing external environment while seizing opportunities. The panelists were:

- **Mr. Baey Yam Keng**, Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment & Ministry of Transport
- **Mr. Hor Weng Yew**, Chairman, SMF and MD & CEO, Pacific Carriers Limited
- **Mr. Andreas Sohmen-Pao**, Chairman, BW Group
- **Mr. Cyril Ducau**, Chief Executive Officer, Eastern Pacific Shipping
- **(Moderator) Mr. Brandon Sia**, a Business Management student specialising in Maritime Business and Operations at the Singapore Management University

The event culminated in a dinner reception where student attendees networked with their peers, and visited the career booths of 19 leading maritime companies to learn about the industry and explore purposeful career pathways into Maritime Singapore. The list of participating companies can be found in **Annex A**.

“The Singapore Maritime Foundation is proud to support the Maritime Youth Forum 2025. I commend the student leaders from the five institutes of higher learning for their commitment in organising this 3rd edition of the forum, which I hope will become a tradition and a keenly-anticipated highlight of the Maritime Singapore calendar. I also thank the maritime companies for their support and presence to showcase the diverse spectrum of opportunities that the sector has to offer,” said **Mr. Hor Weng Yew**, Chairman, Singapore Maritime Foundation.



SMF Chairman, Mr. Hor Weng Yew, delivers his opening remarks to more than 250 students and industry professionals.



Moderated by Mr. Brandon Sia, the panel on “Navigating a World In Flux” comprised SPS Baey Yam Keng, Mr. Hor Weng Yew, Mr. Andreas Sohmén-Pao, and Mr. Cyril Ducau.



SPS Baey Yam Keng connects with student attendees following the panel discussion.

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About the Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF)

Established in 2004, the Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF) fosters public-and-private sector collaboration, promotes Singapore as an International Maritime Centre (IMC), and nurtures a talent pipeline to position Maritime Singapore for continued growth. For details, visit www.smf.com.sg.

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Annex A- List of Participating Companies

S/N	Company
1	AET
2	Ardmore Shipping
3	Berge Bulk
4	Bernhard Shulte
5	CMA CGM Group
6	Döhle Group
7	Drydel Shipping
8	Eastern Pacific Shipping
9	Hapag-Lloyd
10	Maersk
11	NORDEN
12	Ocean Network Express
13	Pacific Carriers Limited
14	Pacific International Lines
15	PSA Corporation
16	RightShip
17	ShipsFocus
18	Swire Shipping
19	ZIM