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## Press Release

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#### **34 outstanding youth get a headstart with the prestigious MaritimeONE scholarship, marking a new page in their maritime journeys**

*Record high number of MaritimeONE scholarships totalling a value of approximately one million dollars reflect MaritimeONE's commitment to nurture talents and attract youth to pursue maritime careers.*

Singapore, 12 August 2011 – This year, 34 bright and talented young people are awarded the prestigious MaritimeONE scholarship, a unique scholarship scheme that is strongly supported by the maritime community and key players in the sector.

The MaritimeONE (Outreach Network) initiative was launched in April 2007 by four strategic partners, namely Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF), Association of Singapore Marine Industries (ASMI), Singapore Shipping Association (SSA) and Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) as the key platform for maritime stakeholders to synergise efforts to raise awareness of the maritime industry and maritime careers, nurture and attract talents.

Mr Michael Chia, Chairman of MaritimeONE and SMF, graced the event as the Guest of Honour and delivered a welcome address to thank the maritime community for their continuing support of the scholarship programme. Seven scholarships under the Tripartite Maritime Scholarship Scheme (TMSS) and the Seafaring Alternative...An Investment For Life (SAIL) scholarship scheme were also awarded that night. Please see the detailed breakdown of the various scholarships and courses in Appendix A.

Today, Asian shipowners control and command about 50% of the world's merchant fleet. The Singapore maritime sector is home to more than 5,000 maritime-related establishments with a workforce of 170,000 people and contributes about 7 per cent of Singapore's Gross Domestic Product (GDP). As the centre of shipping shifts from the west to the east, more international maritime companies have established regional offices in Singapore to gain better access to the fast growing Asian economies. Career opportunities in the maritime sector are aplenty and the need for skilled maritime professionals would continue to surge.

The maritime sector, both the public and private sectors, has been working tirelessly to attract young people to pursue maritime education and careers. On the government front, MPA and the Ministry of Transport held their joint scholarship award ceremony on 29 July 2011 and ten maritime-related scholarships, valued at about 1.4 million dollars were given out. The event was graced by Minister of Transport and Second Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Lui Tuck Yew.

Many of the maritime companies in the private sector have pledged their support to the MaritimeONE scholarship programme even though some also have their own talent management and scholarship programmes, in the likes of Singapore Technologies Marine Ltd (ST Marine), PSA Corporation Ltd and Neptune Orient Lines Limited (NOL).

Despite these varied maritime talent management and scholarship programmes, the number of MaritimeONE scholarships has seen a steady increase over the years, from three scholarships in 2007, 13 scholarships in 2008, 17 in 2009, 21 scholarships in 2010 to 34 scholarships this year. SMF received an enthusiastic response with over 200 applicants for the MaritimeONE scholarships. The MaritimeONE Secretariat also noted that there are increasingly more applicants with outstanding academic results and core-curriculum activities record vying for these scholarships.

“This year, we have a record high of 34 MaritimeONE scholarships, valued at approximately one million dollars. This is a giant leap forward compared to three scholarships offered when the MaritimeONE scholarship programme was incepted in 2007. We need the best talents to steer the Singapore maritime sector forward. As the MaritimeONE Secretariat, SMF is heartened by the strong support of the maritime community and we will continue to do our utmost to work with the various industry stakeholders to groom these scholars to become future outstanding maritime leaders,” said Mr Michael Chia, Chairman of the SMF and MaritimeONE.

MaritimeONE Scholarships are fully funded by sponsoring companies. Mr S. S.Teo, Managing Director, Pacific International Lines, said, “The Singapore Maritime Foundation, a private sector organisation has the vision dedicated to attracting and nurturing talented individuals for the maritime industry. We need the best talents to steer the Singapore maritime sector forward. PIL is proud to continue our support for the MaritimeONE scholarship programme.”

MaritimeONE sponsors span from shipping lines, shipyards to maritime ancillary services companies, in particular marine insurance. Sponsoring companies for this year scholarship include The Lloyd’s Register Educational Trust ( The LRET), Singapore Maritime Academy of Singapore Polytechnic, F. H. Bertling Chartering & Ship Management Pte Ltd, “K” Line Pte Ltd, L.C.H. (S) Pte Ltd, Neptune Orient Lines Limited (NOL), PSA Corporation Ltd, Pacific International Lines (Pte) Ltd, Pacific Carriers Limited, RCL Feeder Pte Ltd, Singapore Technologies

Marine Ltd, SMTC Global (Singapore) Pte Ltd and Swire Pacific Offshore Operations (Pte) Ltd.

MaritimeONE scholars would pursue maritime education in polytechnics and universities, including business-related maritime courses such as Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Maritime Studies in Nanyang Technological University, Bachelor of Business Administration with Specialisation in Maritime Transportation Management in Maritime Institute Willem Barentsz, The Netherlands with Singapore Polytechnic, Bachelor of Science (Hons) Maritime Business and Maritime Law with University of Plymouth, UK and engineering-specific maritime degree programmes including Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Naval Architecture, Offshore Engineering and Marine Engineering in Newcastle University, UK with Singapore Institute of Technology amongst others. For the detailed breakdown of the maritime courses and the MaritimeONE scholarships that were offered, please see Appendix A.

The SAIL and TMSS scholars would pursue a Diploma in Nautical Studies (DNS) or Diploma in Marine Engineering (DMR) at the Singapore Maritime Academy, Singapore Polytechnic. The scholarships were jointly sponsored by MPA, seafarer unions (Singapore Maritime Officers' Union & Singapore Organisation of Seamen) and shipping companies (APL Co Pte Ltd, PACC Ship Managers Pte Ltd and Pacific International Lines Pte Ltd).

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**About MaritimeONE**

Launched in April 2007 by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA), Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF), Association of Singapore Marine Industries (ASMI) and Singapore Shipping Association (SSA), MaritimeONE (Outreach Network) is a key platform for all maritime stakeholders to synergise efforts to raise awareness of the maritime industry among students and their influence groups, and to interest them in maritime education and careers via various outreach initiatives. As the Secretariat of the MaritimeONE, SMF works in tandem with strategic partners to organise a variety of initiatives, including promotional campaigns, events and MaritimeONE scholarships. Other MaritimeONE activities include industry awareness talks, scholarship offers, student outreach events and regular networking events for employers and tertiary students. For details, visit [www.maritimecareers.com.sg](http://www.maritimecareers.com.sg).

**About Singapore Maritime Foundation**

The Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF) is established in 2004 as a private sector-led organisation to develop and promote Singapore as an International Maritime Centre (IMC). As the representative voice for the commercial players of the maritime industry, the Foundation seeks to forge strong partnerships with the public and private sectors of the maritime industry. SMF spearheads initiatives to promote the diverse clusters of the maritime industry in Singapore and at international frontiers, and to attract young talents to join the sector. The Singapore Maritime Foundation is directed by its Board of Directors which comprises leading maritime leaders in the Singapore maritime community. For details, visit [www.smf.com.sg](http://www.smf.com.sg).

**Appendix A: Scholarship Details**  
**MaritimeONE Scholarship Awards Ceremony 2011**

**(A) MaritimeONE Scholarship programme**

The MaritimeONE Scholarship programme is spearheaded by the Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF) as one of the key initiatives to nurture talents for the Singapore maritime sector. Sponsoring companies provide the funding for these scholarships and these scholarships are administered by the staff of SMF. Some of the sponsoring companies also offer internship opportunities for the scholars during their school term.

Since the inaugural Scholarship Awards Ceremony in 2007, a total of 88 scholarships, worth more than \$2.5 million, have been awarded to outstanding and deserving students to pursue maritime-related courses in Singapore and overseas. This year, 34 MaritimeONE scholarships, valued at approximately one million dollars were given out. 24 of the awarded MaritimeONE scholarships are bond free.

This year, 13 companies have come forth to pledge their support to the MaritimeONE Scholarship programme. They are; The Lloyd’s Register Educational Trust, Singapore Maritime Academy – Singapore Polytechnic, Neptune Orient Lines Limited (NOL), “K” Line Pte Ltd, PSA Corporation Ltd, Pacific International Lines (Pte) Ltd, Pacific Carriers Limited, RCL Feeder Pte Ltd, Singapore Technologies Marine Ltd, L.C.H. (S) Pte Ltd, F. H. Bertling Chartering & Ship Management Pte Ltd, SMTC Global (Singapore) Pte Ltd and Swire Pacific Offshore Operations (Pte) Ltd.

**Business-related maritime degree courses**

**Total Number of MaritimeONE scholarships available: 24**

<b>Name of course</b>	<b>Number of scholarships offered</b>
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Maritime Studies, NTU	7
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Maritime Studies with Business Major, NTU	5
Bachelor of Business Administration with Specialisation in Maritime Transportation Management, Maritime Institute Willem Barentsz, The Netherlands with Singapore Polytechnic	5
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Maritime Business and Logistics, Maritime Business and Logistics, University of Plymouth, United Kingdom (UK)	4
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Maritime Business and Maritime Law, University of Plymouth, United Kingdom (UK)	1
Bachelor of Business Administration, Chung-Ang University, Korea	2

**Maritime engineering-related degree courses**

**Total Number of MaritimeONE scholarships available: 5**

Name of course	Number of scholarships offered
Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Naval Architecture / Offshore Engineering / Marine Engineering, Newcastle University, UK with Singapore Institute of Technology	5

**Maritime diploma courses**

**Total Number of MaritimeONE scholarships available: 5**

Name of course	Number of scholarships offered
Diploma in Maritime Business, Singapore Maritime Academy, Singapore Polytechnic	1
Diploma in Marine Engineering, Singapore Maritime Academy, Singapore Polytechnic	1
Diploma in Nautical Studies, Singapore Maritime Academy, Singapore Polytechnic	3

**B) The Seafaring Alternative...an Investment for Life (SAIL) & the Tripartite Maritime Scholarship Scheme (TMSS) Scholarships**

The Seafaring Alternative...an Investment for Life (SAIL) as well as the Tripartite Maritime Scholarship Scheme (TMSS) scholarships aim to attract promising students with superior GCE 'O' Level results to the maritime industry. Sponsored by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA), seafarer unions (Singapore Maritime Officers' Union & Singapore Organisation of Seamen) and shipping companies, the scheme offers scholars an early step-up in the maritime career path by obtaining a seafaring education and subsequently becoming Masters or Chief Engineers of oceangoing merchant ships. This invaluable seafaring experience will prepare talented and hardworking officers for top shore-based management positions within the maritime industry.

Since the SAIL and TMSS scholarships were started in 2005 and 2002 respectively, a total of 106 scholarships have been awarded to outstanding and deserving students to pursue a Diploma in Nautical Studies (DNS) or Diploma in Marine Engineering (DMR) at the Singapore Maritime Academy, Singapore Polytechnic. The DNS course of study for deck officers should lead to an appointment as a Ship's Master, while the DMR course for marine engineering leads to the position of Chief Engineer. This year, one SAIL and six TMSS scholarships, valued at more than \$460,000 were given out. The sponsoring shipping companies were APL Co Pte Ltd, PACC Ship Managers Pte Ltd and Pacific International Lines Pte Ltd.