



## **S\$2.7 million in Scholarships Awarded to Nurture Talent to Drive Maritime Singapore's Transformation**

*Singapore University of Social Sciences will launch new minor in maritime management*

**Singapore, 31 August 2022** — Scholarship awards with a total value of S\$2.7 million was presented to 66 tertiary students at the MaritimeONE and Tripartite Maritime Scholarships (TMSS) Award Ceremony today. The 54 MaritimeONE scholarships and 12 TMSS scholarships were sponsored by industry partners in the maritime sector. Senior Minister of State for Finance & Transport, Mr. Chee Hong Tat, graced the event as Guest-of-Honour.

### **MaritimeONE Scholarship**

2. The 32 sponsoring enterprises this year include companies from a broad spectrum of the maritime industry, such as port operators, shipping companies, maritime service providers, as well as Institutes of Higher Learning. The total value of the MaritimeONE Scholarship disbursed this year stands at S\$1.7 million and the number of scholarships awarded is 54, surpassing last year's record of S\$1.1 million, awarded to 46 students.

3. This also marks the first time the MaritimeONE Scholarship has been awarded to undergraduates in electrical and electronic engineering, as well as industrial and systems engineering. The breadth of disciplines of the scholarship awardees reflects the evolving needs of the maritime industry and the diversity of career opportunities in Maritime Singapore. Recipients of the MaritimeONE Scholarship can pursue tertiary education from a list of 36 maritime and non-maritime degree courses offered by local and overseas universities as well as three courses by Singapore Polytechnic.

4. Since the launch of the programme in 2007, approximately S\$14 million in MaritimeONE scholarships have been awarded to 524 recipients. For more details on the MaritimeONE scholarships, please refer to **Annex A**.

### **Tripartite Maritime Scholarship (TMSS)**

5. This year, 12 TMSS scholarships valued at about S\$1 million have been awarded. Introduced in 2002, TMSS is a seafaring scholarship awarded to students pursuing a Diploma in Nautical Studies or Diploma in Marine Engineering at the Singapore Maritime Academy at Singapore Polytechnic. The scholarship offers students an opportunity to pursue their aspirations to become ship captains or chief engineers of ocean-going ships and eventually take on leadership roles in Maritime

Singapore. TMSS scholarship recipients will serve a three-year bond in a sea-going appointment upon graduation.

6. The TMSS is sponsored by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA), the Singapore Maritime Officers' Union, the Singapore Organisation of Seamen and shipping companies. The sponsors this year also included Anglo-Eastern Ship Management (Singapore) Pte Ltd, Fleet Ship Management Pte Ltd, NYK Shipmanagement Pte Ltd, PACC Ship Managers Pte Ltd, Pacific International Lines Pte Ltd, and Thome Ship Management Pte Ltd, with OSM Ship Management Pte Ltd coming onboard as a sponsor for the first time. For more details on TMSS, please refer to **Annex B**.

7. "Talent is the heart of transformation. I thank the industry and the union for the strong support in developing a talent pool to spur the growth of the maritime sector, which is entering an exciting period of change as it embraces technology and sustainability," said Mr. Hor Weng Yew, Chairman of the Singapore Maritime Foundation.

### **Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS) Launches New Minor Programme in Maritime Management**

8. To ensure that Maritime Singapore has a sustainable pool of maritime talent and to support companies' efforts to attract young graduates into the sector, SUSS has launched a new minor programme in maritime management. The development of the curriculum for this minor is supported by MPA and SMF, and funded by Singapore Maritime Institute (SMI).

9. Maritime management as a minor will be offered to SUSS students from July 2023. Students can take courses taught by both academic instructors and industry practitioners. Three new modules will be developed specifically for the programme, namely, i) Maritime Business and Management, ii) Shipping Contracts and Management and iii) Shipping Finance Management and Analytics. For quotes by SMI and SUSS on the new minor in maritime management, please refer to **Annex C**.

### **Profiles of Selected Scholarship Recipients**

#### **2022 PSA – MaritimeONE Scholar, Mr. Quek Yong Jun: Engineering the future of maritime**

10. Mr. Quek Yong Jun has always been deeply interested in supply chain and logistics management. It was through an internship with a logistics company that he gained an appreciation for maritime and decided to forge a career in this industry. He is currently an industrial and systems engineering undergraduate with the National University of Singapore.

11. "My experience as an intern in a third-party logistics company broadened my view and I could see just how interconnected our world is. I want to obtain a better understanding of international trade and a career in maritime will allow me to achieve that. Utilising my skills in industrial and systems engineering, I wish to step out of my comfort zone and contribute to a team that can drive the industry forward."

**2022 Bernhard Schulte – MaritimeONE Scholar, Ms. Ng Yu Xin Sardonna: Embarking on a sustainability mission**

12. National hockey player Ms. Sardonna Ng’s passion does not just lie in sports. An internship at Chevron while she was pursuing a Diploma in Maritime Business at Singapore Polytechnic opened her eyes to the importance of decarbonisation. The Nanyang Technological University maritime studies undergraduate wishes to uncover alternative marine fuel options and contribute to maritime’s green transition.

13. “As the maritime industry is tackling growing concerns around global warming, I wish to contribute by researching alternative marine fuel options that will reduce the industry’s carbon emissions. Being an integral part of international trade, working in maritime offers the opportunity to work with people of different nationalities. It will be an eye-opening experience and I look forward to working in the maritime sector upon graduation.”

**2022 BW Group – MaritimeONE Scholar, Mr. Poh Jia Jun Samuel: Embracing the dynamic world of maritime**

14. Entering the maritime industry was initially not in Mr. Samuel Poh’s plans. However, a trading operations internship with Bright Point Trading introduced Samuel to the industry, and he enjoyed the hands-on learning. The internship further inspired him to seriously consider a role in maritime, and the business management undergraduate eventually decided to major in Maritime Business Operations and Finance at the Singapore Management University.

15. “I have always enjoyed challenges and I like how maritime is dynamic and complex. Over the past few years, we have witnessed how crucial global trade is especially when the Covid-19 pandemic hit. I aspire to be a knowledgeable maritime professional and be part of the commercial segment of maritime. I will continue to work hard and learn as much as I can.”

**2022 TMSS Scholar, Ms. Jade Neo Jun Yi: Actively advocating for maritime**

16. Ms. Jade Neo Jun Yi has been awarded a scholarship with OSM Shipmanagement Pte Ltd. She graduated with a Higher NITEC in Maritime Business and is pursuing a Diploma in Nautical Studies with the Singapore Maritime Academy at Singapore Polytechnic. Jade was inspired by a close family friend who is a Ship Captain that shared extensively about his experience in maritime. Jade is working towards her goal of becoming a ship captain.

17. “I have always wanted to be a master mariner and have worked hard to achieve that goal since I was young. I am looking forward to my first contract as a deck cadet and am confident that through perseverance and resilience, I will be able to achieve my goal of becoming a ship captain. With my passion for seafaring, I would like to be a strong, dependable seafarer and a good example for other aspiring female seafarers.”

## **2022 TMSS Scholar, Mr. Mohamad Rhizqin Bin Mohamad Rahim: Pivoting from engineering to seafaring**

18. Mr. Mohamad Rhizqin Bin Mohamad Rahim has been awarded a scholarship with Pacific International Lines. Currently a Year 2 student pursuing a Diploma in Marine Engineering with the Singapore Maritime Academy at Singapore Polytechnic, Rhizqin was from the Institute of Technical Education and graduated with a Higher NITEC in Electronics Engineering. Rhizqin was inspired by his elder brother, who often regaled him with stories of his time spent sailing around the world as a seafarer. This intrigued Rhizqin enough to also start on the same journey.

19. “I have a keen interest in becoming a chief engineer working onboard a ship and travelling to places I have not even heard of before. With my determination and perseverance to see through my diploma studies, I am eager to commence my seafaring journey in the coming years and achieve my personal goal of being a chief engineer.”

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### **About the Singapore Maritime Foundation**

Established in 2004, the Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF) is a conduit between the public and private sectors to accomplish the twin mission of developing and promoting Singapore as an International Maritime Centre (IMC); and to attract, engage and grow a talent pipeline to position Maritime Singapore for continued growth.

SMF is the administrator of the MaritimeONE scholarships, bringing together partners to support the educational pursuits of young talent and equip them with skills for the maritime industry.

For details, visit [www.smf.com.sg](http://www.smf.com.sg)

### **About the Singapore Maritime Institute**

The Singapore Maritime Institute (SMI) is a joint effort by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA), the Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A\*STAR) and the Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB).

Established in April 2011, SMI develops strategies and programmes to achieve its mission with key focus areas in sectors such as port, shipping and maritime services. SMI charts the maritime research strategy and promotes greater industry-academia research and development (R&D) collaborations to be undertaken in Singapore.

Through a whole-of-government approach, SMI drives initiatives with industry-wide impacts to enhance the overall competitiveness of the local maritime industry, and to strengthen research and development (R&D) capabilities in support of Singapore as a global maritime knowledge hub.

For more information, please visit [www.maritimeinstitute.sg](http://www.maritimeinstitute.sg)

### **About the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore**

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) was established on 2 February 1996, with the mission to develop Singapore as a premier global hub port and

international maritime centre (IMC), and to advance and safeguard Singapore's strategic maritime interests. MPA is the driving force behind Singapore's port and maritime development, taking on the roles of Port Authority, Port Regulator, Port Planner, IMC Champion, and National Maritime Representative. MPA partners the industry and other agencies to enhance safety, security and environmental protection in our port waters, facilitate port operations and growth, expand the cluster of maritime ancillary services, and promote maritime R&D and manpower development.

For more information, please visit <https://www.mpa.gov.sg>

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## Annex A – MaritimeONE Scholarship Programme

### 1. About the MaritimeONE Scholarship Programme

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

A total of 39 degree and diploma programmes are supported by the MaritimeONE scholarships this year. These courses have been identified by SMF in consultation with maritime-related organisations which are at liberty to select the course(s) for their identified scholars. As the MaritimeONE Secretariat, SMF conducts various outreach initiatives to inform the public of the MaritimeONE scholarship programme for these 39 degree and diploma programmes and coordinates the interviews for sponsors to meet the scholarship applicants. After the interviews, sponsors would then advise SMF on their selected candidates for the award.

Since the inaugural Scholarship Awards Ceremony in 2007, a total of 524 scholarships, valued at approximately S\$14 million have been awarded to outstanding students to pursue maritime and non-maritime-related courses in Singapore and overseas.

### 2. Courses Supported by the MaritimeONE Scholarship Programme

#### Business-related Courses

1. Bachelor of Business (Hons) – Specialisation in Business Analytics, NTU
2. Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Maritime Studies, NTU
3. Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Maritime Studies with Business Major, NTU
4. Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Maritime Studies with Business (International Trading)
5. Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Maritime Studies with Specialisation in International Trading
6. Bachelor of Science in Maritime Studies with Data Analytics
7. Any discipline with Maritime Business and Operations Track, SMU
8. Bachelor of Business Management (Hons) – Finance with International Trading Track (ITT), SMU
9. Bachelor of Accountancy (Hons) - Finance with International Trading Track (ITT), SMU
10. Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Maritime Business / Maritime Business (Logistics) / Maritime Business (International Supply Chain Management, UoP
11. Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Maritime Business / Maritime Business (Law), UoP
12. Bachelor of Science (Hons) in International Supply Chain and Shipping Management, UoP
13. Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Navigation & Maritime Science, UoP
14. Diploma in Maritime Business, SMA-SP

#### Engineering-related Courses

15. Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Electrical & Electronic Engineering, NTU
16. Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Mechanical Engineering, NTU
17. Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Civil Engineering, NTU
18. Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Civil Engineering, NUS
19. Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Electrical Engineering, NUS

20. Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Industrial & Systems Engineering, NUS
21. Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Mechanical Engineering, NUS
22. Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Electrical Power Engineering, SIT-NU
23. Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Marine Engineering, SIT-NU
24. Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Naval Architecture, SIT-NU
25. Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Offshore Engineering, SIT-NU
26. Diploma in Mechanical Engineering, SP
27. Diploma in Electrical and Electronic Engineering, SP

#### **Computing-related Courses**

28. Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Computer Engineering, NTU
29. Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Computer Science, NTU
30. Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence, NTU
31. Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Computer Engineering, NUS
32. Bachelor of Computing (Hons) in Computer Science, NUS
33. Bachelor of Computing (Hons) in Information Systems, NUS
34. Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Mathematical Sciences - Business Analytics Track, NTU
35. Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Data Science and Analytics, NUS
36. Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Statistics, NUS
37. Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Business Analytics, NUS

#### **Seafaring-related Courses**

38. Diploma in Marine Engineering, SMA-SP
39. Diploma in Nautical Studies, SMA-SP

NTU – Nanyang Technological University

NUS – National University of Singapore

SIT-NU – Singapore Institute of Technology with Newcastle University

SMU – Singapore Management University

UoP – University of Plymouth, UK

SMA-SP – Singapore Maritime Academy, Singapore Polytechnic

SP – Singapore Polytechnic

## **Annex B – Tripartite Maritime Scholarship (TMSS)**

### **1. About the TMSS**

The Tripartite Maritime Scholarship (TMSS) was introduced in 2002 to help build up a core group of local mariners by aiming to attract and encourage locals to take up seafaring as a career. The scholarship, sponsored by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA), seafarer unions (Singapore Maritime Officers' Union & Singapore Organisation of Seamen) and shipping companies, aims to groom promising students to be Ship Captains or Chief Engineers of ocean-going merchant ships, with the potential to be the future leaders of Singapore's maritime industry.

TMSS is open to students pursuing the Diploma in Nautical Studies or Diploma in Marine Engineering at the Singapore Maritime Academy (SMA), Singapore Polytechnic (SP). Pursuing a Diploma in Nautical Studies would prepare the scholar to become a Deck Officer. A Deck Officer will eventually progress and be appointed as a Ship Captain. Pursuing a Diploma in Marine Engineering trains scholars to become marine engineers onboard ships and who will eventually progress to become Chief Engineers on board sea-going vessels.

### **2. Courses Supported by the TMSS**

<b>Maritime diploma courses</b>
1. Diploma in Marine Engineering, SMA - SP
2. Diploma in Nautical Studies, SMA – SP

## **Annex C – Quotes on the Minor Programme in Maritime Management**

Mr. Tan Cheng Peng, Executive Director of the Singapore Maritime Institute (SMI)

“The new minor in maritime management at SUSS will help to widen the availability and depth of maritime education in Singapore and introduce new talent to the maritime sector. SMI is happy to fund SUSS for the development of the minor and support Maritime Singapore’s strategic goal to develop local maritime manpower.”

Associate Professor Yap Wei Yim, Head of Maritime Management Minor, Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS)

"SUSS is pleased to receive SMI's funding and support from MPA and SMF to develop the three maritime courses for our new minor programme in Maritime Management. This minor is a natural extension of SUSS's Logistics and Supply Chain Management Programme, given the high degree of transversality between the maritime and logistics sectors. Through the minor, students with interest or who are keen to pursue a career in the maritime sector can have the opportunity to learn about workings of the maritime industry including key challenges and developments facing the maritime community."