

Maritime Leaders Deliberate on Challenges and Opportunities in Times of Change at the Singapore Maritime Foundation New Year Conversations 2023

Panel discussion moderated by BW Group Chairman Andreas Sohlen-Pao discussed how shipping can successfully navigate the cross-currents of geopolitical tensions, changing energy and trade flows, environmental pressures and an evolving workforce

Singapore, 13 January 2023—Three hundred industry leaders across the diverse spectrum of Singapore’s maritime ecosystem gathered at the Singapore Maritime Foundation New Year Conversations 2023. The event was held at Shangri-La Singapore. Mr. Chee Hong Tat, Senior Minister of State for Finance and Transport, graced the event as the Guest-of-Honour and delivered a speech.

Mr. Andreas Sohlen-Pao, Chairman of BW Group moderated a panel discussion on “Shipping in Times of Change.” The panel deliberated on key issues shaping the outlook of the global maritime sector as businesses navigate an increasingly complex landscape of geopolitical tensions, changing energy and trade flows, environmental pressures and an evolving workforce. The other members of the panel were:

- Mr. Alex Hartnoll, Head of Business Transformation, X-Press Feeders
- Mr. Edward Koo, Chief Operating Officer, TCC Group
- Mr. Frederik Guttormsen, Managing Director of Shipping, IMC Industrial Group
- Mr. Lars Christian Kastrup, Chief Executive Officer, PIL

“The maritime industry has emerged from the Covid-19 pandemic resilient and relevant. Even so, the near-term macro-outlook heading into 2023 remains uncertain due to a confluence of global factors. The SMF New Year Conversations as Maritime Singapore’s first industry event of the year provides leaders of the sector an opportunity to connect, exchange views on issues of strategic interest, and sets the cadence for the year ahead,” said Mr. Hor Weng Yew, Chairman, Singapore Maritime Foundation.



Mr. Chee Hong Tat delivers his opening address to welcome maritime business leaders and discuss the port statistics for 2022.



Mr. Hor Weng Yew delivers his welcome remarks, celebrating milestones in the past year and outlining key initiatives for 2023.



The panel discussion consisting of speakers Mr. Andreas Sohmen-Pao, Mr. Alex Hartnoll, Mr. Edward Koo, Mr. Frederik Guttormsen and Mr. Lars Christian Kastrup discusses the future outlook of shipping amidst global uncertainties.

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About the Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF)

Established in 2004, the Singapore Maritime Foundation 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. For details, visit www.smf.com.sg

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