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51 Students Receive Over S\$1.4 million in Scholarships Awarded by the Singapore Maritime Industry for Local & Overseas Studies

Singapore, 14 August 2014 – A total of 51 scholarships worth more than S\$1.4 million were awarded this year, as part of continuous outreach and talent development efforts to meet the manpower needs of the growing Singapore maritime industry – an area which contributes to some 7 per cent of the nation's economy. Sponsored by maritime companies and organisations, the **MaritimeONE (Maritime Outreach Network) scholarships** and **Tripartite Maritime Scholarship Scheme (TMSS)** support various local and overseas diploma and degree programmes. In all, 40 MaritimeONE and 11 TMSS scholarships were presented at the MaritimeONE Scholarship Awards Ceremony held at the M Hotel Singapore this evening.

MaritimeONE scholarships

Funds for the MaritimeONE Scholarships are pledged by sponsoring maritime companies, which span from shipping lines, shipyards to maritime ancillary service companies. This year, **18 companies sponsored 40 MaritimeONE scholarships valued at more than S\$815,000.** Sponsoring companies this year include "K" Line Pte Ltd; American Bureau of Shipping; Fednav Singapore Pte Ltd; Global Maritime Talent Pte Ltd; Haider Nawaz (personal sponsorship); IMC Industrial Group; Jurong Port Pte Ltd; Lloyd's Register Foundation; NORDEN Shipping (Singapore) Pte Ltd; Sembcorp Marine Ltd; Singapore Maritime Academy - Singapore Polytechnic; Singapore Maritime Officers' Union; Singapore Shipping Association;

SMTC Global (Singapore) Pte Ltd; Swire Pacific Offshore Operations (Pte) Ltd; The Chua Chor Teck Memorial Fund; Thome Ship Management Pte Ltd and X-PRESS FEEDERS.

MaritimeONE scholars are able to choose from a wide spectrum of **22 courses** – 19 business, law and engineering degrees offered by eight local and overseas universities, as well as three maritime diploma programmes at the Singapore Maritime Academy in Singapore Polytechnic.

Since 2007, a total of **200 MaritimeONE scholarships worth more than S\$5.2 million** have been awarded to outstanding students to pursue courses in Singapore and overseas. Details on the MaritimeONE Scholarships and courses supported can be found in Appendix A.

“Growing the maritime talent pool in Singapore is key to building a future-ready Maritime Singapore as we develop our International Maritime Centre and Next Generation Port. We are encouraged by the unwavering support and commitment by our maritime community – our MaritimeONE partners, the maritime companies, unions, and institutes of higher learning, to strengthen our maritime manpower development efforts,” said Mr Andrew Tan, Chief Executive, Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore, who delivered the welcome address at the awards ceremony.

Quotes from new MaritimeONE Scholars

Ms Koh Ke Hui, 18, a SSA¹ – MaritimeONE Scholar, is amongst the new batch of scholars who received their awards this evening. Although she was diagnosed from birth with Achondroplasia (a bone growth disorder that causes disproportionate dwarfism), she never allowed her physical condition to stand in her way. In fact, her passion to lead and serve led her to becoming class chairperson twice in secondary school. A cheerful go-getter, Ms Koh set her heart on joining the maritime industry, and she aimed to enrol in the Diploma in Maritime Business (DMB) at Singapore Polytechnic, when she researched her options after the “O” levels. Currently in her first-year in the DMB course, Ms Koh has this to say, ***“After the first***

¹ The Singapore Shipping Association (SSA) represents a wide spectrum of shipping companies and other businesses allied to the shipping industry. It is a national trade association formed in 1985 to serve and promote the interests of its members and to enhance the competitiveness of Singapore as an International Maritime Centre. (www.ssa.org.sg)

month of school, I was even more convinced that I had made the right choice in taking up Maritime Business after learning more about how the maritime industry works. I know I will enjoy my future work, and I want to be part of Singapore’s maritime industry in the years to come.”

Another new scholar this year is Mr Benny Tan, 24, a “K” Line²-MaritimeONE scholar. Mr Tan decided to make the switch to the maritime industry and take up the Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Maritime Studies at the Nanyang Technological University, after completing his diploma programme in Optometry. He said, ***“Having done my research and after speaking to people, I am convinced that there are great opportunities for me in the maritime industry after I graduate, given the importance of shipping to world trade, and the pivotal roles that Asia and Singapore play. I am looking forward to the possible travel and work opportunities overseas in my future maritime career.”***

TMSS scholarships

A total of **11 TMSS scholarships** were also awarded at the ceremony this evening, valued at **over S\$600,000**, for students enrolled in the Nautical Studies and Marine Engineering diploma programmes offered at the Singapore Maritime Academy in Singapore Polytechnic.

The TMSS scholarships are jointly awarded by MPA, shipping companies, the Singapore Maritime Officers’ Union (SMOU) and the Singapore Organisation of Seamen (SOS). This year, the shipping companies co-sponsoring the TMSS scholarships are APL Co Pte Ltd, PACC Ship Managers Pte Ltd and Pacific International Lines (Pte) Ltd. For details on the TMSS scholarships, please refer to Appendix A.

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Attached Appendix A: Scholarship Details for MaritimeONE Scholarship Awards Ceremony 2014

- MaritimeONE Scholarship Programme
- Tripartite Maritime Scholarship Scheme (TMSS) scholarships

² “K” Line is one of the major ship operators in the world with headquarters based in Tokyo, Japan. “K” Line (Singapore) Pte Ltd was established as a representative office in 1973 and became a full-fledged shipping agency in 1981. (www.kline.com.sg)

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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. Funds for the MaritimeONE Scholarships are pledged by sponsoring maritime companies, which span from shipping lines, shipyards to maritime ancillary services companies, and administered by SMF. 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.

About Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF)

Established in 2004, the Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF) is a private sector-led organization that seeks 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. SMF is directed by its Board of Directors which comprises prominent leaders in the Singapore maritime community. For details, visit www.smf.com.sg.

Appendix A: Scholarship Details for MaritimeONE Scholarship Awards Ceremony 2014

(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.

A total of 22 maritime-related degree and diploma programmes are supported by the MaritimeONE scholarships. These courses have been identified by SMF in consultation with maritime-related organisations, which are at liberty to select the course(s) which they would be keen to sponsor their scholars for. This list increases every year as companies welcome talents from diverse backgrounds to meet the increasing manpower needs of the burgeoning maritime industry. As the MaritimeONE Secretariat, SMF publicises the MaritimeONE scholarship programme to students for these 22 degree and diploma programmes. SMF also coordinates the interviews for sponsors to meet scholarship applicants. After the interviews, sponsors would then advise SMF on the candidate(s) that they would be keen to award their scholarship to.

This year, 18 companies are sponsoring 40 MaritimeONE scholarships, valued at more than S\$815,000. Of these, 32 of the awarded MaritimeONE scholarships are bond free.

Since the inaugural Scholarship Awards Ceremony in 2007, a total of 200 scholarships, worth more than S\$5.2 million, have been awarded to outstanding and deserving students to pursue maritime-related courses in Singapore and overseas.

Sponsors that have pledged support for the MaritimeONE Scholarships this year include: "K" Line Pte Ltd; American Bureau of Shipping; Fednav Singapore Pte Ltd; Global Maritime Talent Pte Ltd; Haider Nawaz (personal sponsorship); IMC Industrial Group; Jurong Port Pte Ltd; Keppel Offshore & Marine Ltd; Lloyd's Register Foundation; M3 Marine Group Pte Ltd; NORDEN Shipping (Singapore) Pte Ltd; PSA Corporation Ltd; Sembcorp Marine Ltd; Singapore Maritime Academy - Singapore Polytechnic; Singapore Maritime Officers' Union; Singapore Shipping Association; SMTC Global (Singapore) Pte Ltd; Swire Pacific Offshore Operations (Pte) Ltd; The China Navigation Company Pte Ltd; The Chua Chor Teck Memorial Fund; The Shipowners' Mutual Protection and Indemnity Association (Luxembourg) (Singapore Branch); Thome Ship Management Pte Ltd and X-PRESS FEEDERS.

Courses supported by the MaritimeONE Scholarships

Business and Law-related degree courses

1. Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Maritime Studies, Nanyang Technological University (NTU)
2. Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Maritime Studies with Business Major, NTU
3. Bachelor of Science (Economics), Singapore Management University (SMU)
4. All degree programmes with Maritime Economics Concentration

5. Bachelor of Maritime Operations, Maritime Institute Willem Barentsz, The Netherlands with Singapore Polytechnic (MIWB - SP)
6. Bachelor of Business Administration with Specialisation in Maritime Transportation Management, (MIWB - SP)
7. Bachelor of Business Administration (International Logistics), Chung-Ang University, Korea
8. Bachelor of Science in International Transportation and Trade, State University of New York, USA
9. Bachelor of Science with Honours in Maritime Business and Logistics, Plymouth University, United Kingdom (PU)
10. Bachelor of Science with Honours in Maritime Business and Maritime Law, PU

Engineering-related degree courses

11. Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical & Electronic Engineering) with specialisation in Electrical Engineering, NTU
12. Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering with specialisation in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, NTU
13. Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) with specialisation in Offshore Engineering, National University of Singapore (NUS)
14. Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical) with specialisation in Offshore Oil & Gas Technology, NUS
15. Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical Engineering) with specialisation in Power System Analysis and Control, NUS
16. Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Naval Architecture, Newcastle University, UK with Singapore Institute of Technology (NU - SIT)
17. Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Offshore Engineering, NU - SIT
18. Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Marine Engineering, NU - SIT
19. Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Electrical Power Engineering, NU - SIT

Maritime diploma courses

1. Diploma in Maritime Business, Singapore Maritime Academy - Singapore Polytechnic (SMA - SP)
2. Diploma in Marine Engineering, SMA - SP
3. Diploma in Nautical Studies, SMA - SP

(B) TMSS Scholarship Programme

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 2002, a total of 139 scholarships have been co-sponsored by MPA, the seafarer unions and shipping companies 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, 11 TMSS scholarships, worth more than S\$600,000, were given out. The sponsoring shipping companies are APL Co Pte Ltd, PACC Ship Managers Pte Ltd and Pacific International Lines Pte Ltd.

Courses supported by the TMSS Scholarships

Maritime diploma courses

1. Diploma in Marine Engineering, SMA - SP
2. Diploma in Nautical Studies, SMA - SP