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Press Release

59 Students Awarded with more than S\$2.3 million in Maritime Scholarships for Local & Overseas Studies

Singapore, 8 August 2019 – More than S\$2.3 million in maritime scholarships were awarded to 59 students at the MaritimeONE Scholarship Awards Ceremony today. This was part of the maritime industry's collective efforts to develop the pipeline of talent into the industry. The MaritimeONE Scholarship and Tripartite Maritime Scholarship (TMSS) were presented by the the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore, maritime businesses, local seafarer unions and the Singapore Polytechnic (SP) at the Conrad Centennial Hotel.

MaritimeONE Scholarship

This year, a total of 42 MaritimeONE scholarships were awarded by 19 companies, with a total scholarship amount valued at over S\$1 million. These sponsoring companies hail from all sectors of the maritime industry – port, shipping, maritime services, shipyards as well as an institute of higher learning.

MaritimeONE scholars are able to choose from a spectrum of 34 degree courses across maritime and non-maritime subjects offered by local and overseas universities, as well as three maritime diploma programmes at the Singapore Maritime Academy (SMA) in SP.

Since 2007, a total of 384 MaritimeONE scholarships worth more than S\$10 million have been awarded to outstanding students to pursue courses locally and abroad.

2019 Jurong Port – MaritimeONE Scholar, Mr Neo Boon Hock: The first student with a background in Industry and Systems Engineering awarded the MaritimeONE scholarship

Mr Neo Boon Hock, is a second year student pursuing a degree in Industry and Systems Engineering at the National University of Singapore this year. While most of his peers intend to seek careers in logistics or supply chain management, Boon Hock differentiated himself by embarking on a path into the maritime industry.

Boon Hock shares, *“When I heard that the maritime industry was undergoing a digital shift, with an increasing focus on the optimisation of its processes and equipment, my interest was piqued, as I realised the multiple opportunities for people like myself to contribute to such a significant industry – an industry that is responsible for the transportation of more than 80 per cent of international trade. I can't wait to be involved in new projects that will bring the maritime industry forward.”*

2019 PSA – MaritimeONE Scholar, Ms Or Yi Ning: Charting Her Maritime Journey in a Digital Age

Ms Or Yi Ning, a first year student at the Nanyang Technological University (NTU), will be pursuing a double degree in Engineering (Computer Science) and Business (Business Analytics). Impressed by the diversity of the maritime industry and its great potential, Yi Ning decided to join the industry and intends to marry both her skills in digitalisation and analytics to contribute to the success of Maritime Singapore.

She shares, “I’ve always been fascinated by the maritime industry, at how it adapts and evolves, especially in the era of digitalisation. The incorporation of automation and new technologies will bring an increased flow of data, which can be analysed and translated into insights that drive efficiency and productivity. I hope to apply what I’ve learnt, and front the industry’s digitalisation efforts one day.”

2019 “K” Line – MaritimeONE Scholar, Muhammad Fahrur Razi: Problem-Solving in a Dynamic Industry

Mr Muhammad Fahrur Razi is a first year student pursuing a Bachelor of Science (Maritime Studies) at NTU. During his time with the Police Coast Guard, Fahrur had the opportunity to board large vessels during inspections, which sparked his interest in the maritime industry – especially in the way vessels operated; from the handling of cargo to the management of the crew. As someone who enjoys learning on how things work, Fahrur decided to pursue a Degree in Maritime Studies and hopes to oversee the operations of a vessel one day.

He shares, “I enjoy solving problems and challenging myself, so what better place to do these than in an industry as dynamic as maritime? Now that I have a good understanding of life onboard a vessel, learning more about the various aspects of the industry would allow me to gain a deeper appreciation of the maritime ecosystem, and I’m excited to make my mark in it.”

2019 SMA – MaritimeONE Scholar, Ms Pooja Nair: Going Against All Odds - Making a Difference in the Maritime Industry

Ms Pooja Nair is a first year student pursuing a Diploma in Maritime Business at the Singapore Maritime Academy (SP). Prior to polytechnic, she took up a finance course in ITE for the first two years, before deciding to pursue a Higher Nitec in Maritime Business, despite the fact that it would delay her graduation for another year. She owes her fascination of the industry to the stories her father often told her of his experience working in the industry, which never ceases to amaze her.

She shares, “I believe that if you persevere, you can achieve anything you set your mind to. Having represented my school in Indian Classical Dance at the annual Singapore Youth Festival, we proved everyone wrong by achieving the school’s first Distinction, as we would typically clinch the Bronze medal. Similarly, my relatives tell me this industry has no future – but I hope to make a difference here, and show them that anyone can succeed in Maritime Singapore, as long as you do your best.”

Details regarding the MaritimeONE Scholarship Programme and its supported courses can be found in [Annex A](#).

Tripartite Maritime Scholarship (TMSS)

A total of 17 TMSS scholarships valued at about S\$1.3 million, were also awarded at the ceremony this evening. These scholarships are offered to students enrolled in the Nautical Studies and Marine Engineering diploma programmes at the Singapore Maritime Academy in SP.

TMSS is jointly sponsored by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA), shipping companies, the Singapore Maritime Officers' Union (SMOU) and the Singapore Organisation of Seamen (SOS). The scholarship aims to groom promising students to become Ship Captains, Chief Engineers of ocean-going merchant ships and be the future leaders of Singapore's maritime industry. This year, sponsoring companies include Fleet Ship Management Pte Ltd, NYK Shipmanagement Pte Ltd, PACC Ship Managers Pte Ltd, Pacific International Lines Pte Ltd, Swire Pacific Offshore Operations Pte Ltd, Synergy Marine Pte Ltd and Thome Ship Management Pte Ltd.

For details on the TMSS scholarships, please refer to [Annex B](#).

2019 TMSS Scholar Ms Tan Chee Sim: Ambition to become a chief engineer

Ms Tan Chee Sim has been awarded the TMSS Scholarship with PACC Ship Managers Pte Ltd to pursue a Diploma in Marine Engineering. Harboursing the ambition to become a chief engineer, she said, *"It has always been my aspiration to be an engineer and go out to sea. TMSS allows me to fulfil my aspiration and I will be working towards my goal of becoming a chief engineer. I feel that a TMSS scholarship with PACC Ship Managers Pte Ltd will help to develop my career as I would have the mentorship of TMSS seniors who have progressed to become captains, chief engineers and superintendents within the company."*

2019 TMSS Scholar Ms Tan Li-Jung: Seafaring as a life-long learning journey

Ms Tan Li-Jung has been awarded the TMSS Scholarship with Synergy Marine Pte Ltd for a Diploma in Marine Engineering. She has always wanted to pursue a career that gives her the opportunity to constantly learn something new, whilst at the same time, be able to provide for her family. She said, *"My experience in the Diploma in Marine Engineering course has allowed me to challenge myself and expand my knowledge in every possible way, be it academically, physically or mentally. I also look forward to my seafaring days, where I can gain technical skills as an engineer and explore the world. The TMSS supports us from diploma up to Certificate of Competency Class 1, which is closely aligned with my ideal for lifelong learning. At the same time, seafaring is also a career that pays well to support my family; and the skills gained from seafaring would eventually lead to good paying shore jobs."*

2019 TMSS Scholar Mr G Guhan: Dream to travel the world

G Guhan will be awarded the TMSS scholarship with Fleet Ship Management for a Diploma in Nautical Studies at SP. Guhan is currently in his second year of study, and is excited to embark on a seafaring career. Having previously dropped out of polytechnic, Guhan eventually found his calling and re-enrolled into SP to pursue Nautical Studies.

He shares, *"I love to travel, and I'm excited to embark on a career that will bring me to different places and meet many people across the world. With this scholarship, I'll be able to pursue a long term career in maritime, and receive guidance as I embark on achieving my Certificate of Competency 1 – you don't get these types of scholarships in other industries!"*

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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), the 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 <https://www.smf.com.sg>

About the Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF)

Established in 2004, the Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF) is a private sector-led organization that aims 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 talent to join the sector. SMF is directed by its Board of Directors which comprises prominent leaders in the Singapore maritime community. For details, visit <http://www.smf.com.sg>.

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 34 maritime-related 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 34 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.

This year, there are 19 sponsors for 42 MaritimeONE scholarships which are valued at more than S\$1 million.

Sponsoring companies this year include “K” Line Pte Ltd, American Bureau of Shipping Asia Capital Reinsurance Group, BW Maritime Pte Ltd, Fednav Singapore Pte Ltd, Jurong Port Pte Ltd, LCH Lockton Pte Ltd, NYK Shipmanagement Pte Ltd, NORDEN Shipping (Singapore) Pte Ltd & Orient Fond, PSA Corporation Ltd, Sailors’ Society, Sembcorp Marine Ltd, Singapore Maritime Academy (Singapore Polytechnic), Singapore Maritime Officers’ Union, Singapore Shipping Association, The Chua Chor Teck Memorial Fund, The Oza Family (Personal sponsorship), University of Plymouth, UK, X-PRESS FEEDERS.

Since the inaugural Scholarship Awards Ceremony in 2007, a total of 384 scholarships, valued more than S\$10 million, have been awarded to outstanding students to pursue maritime-related courses in Singapore and overseas.

2. Courses Supported by the MaritimeONE Scholarship Programme

Business and Law-related degree courses

1. ***NEW*** Bachelor of Business Management with Maritime Business and Operations Track (MBOT), Singapore Management University (SMU)
2. ***NEW*** Bachelor of Business (Business Analytics), Nanyang Technological University (NTU)
3. ***NEW*** Bachelor of Business (Economics), NTU
4. ***NEW*** Bachelor of Social Science (Economics), National University of Singapore (NUS)
5. Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Maritime Studies, NTU
6. Bachelor of Science (Economics) with Maritime Economics Track, SMU
7. Bachelor of Science in International Transportation and Trade, State University of New York, USA
8. Bachelor of Science (Honours) Maritime Business and Logistics, Plymouth University, United Kingdom (PU)
9. Bachelor of Science (Honours) Maritime Business and Maritime Law, PU
10. Bachelor of Science (Honours) Maritime Transportation and Logistics, PU

11. Bachelor of Science (Honours) Navigation and Maritime Science, PU
12. Bachelor of Business Administration (International Logistics), Chung-Ang University
13. Finance (first or second major) with International Trading Track (ITT), SMU

Engineering-related degree courses

14. ***NEW*** Bachelor of Engineering (Industrial & Systems Engineering), NUS
15. ***NEW*** Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Telematics (Intelligent Transportation Systems Engineering), Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT)
16. ***NEW*** Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Systems Engineering (Electromechanical Systems), SIT
17. ***NEW*** Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Mechanical Design and Manufacturing Engineering, SIT
18. ***NEW*** Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Information and Communications Technology (Information Security), SIT
19. ***NEW*** Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Information and Communications Technology (Software Engineering), SIT
20. Bachelor of Engineering (Computer Engineering), NTU
21. Bachelor of Engineering (Computer Science), NTU
22. Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical & Electronic Engineering), NTU
23. Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical Engineering), NTU
24. Bachelor of Civil Engineering, NUS
25. Bachelor of Engineering (Computer Engineering), NUS
26. Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical Engineering), NUS
27. Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical Engineering), NUS
28. Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Marine Engineering, Newcastle University, UK with Singapore Institute of Technology (NU – SIT)
29. Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Naval Architecture, NU – SIT
30. Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Offshore Engineering, NU - SIT
31. Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Electrical Power Engineering, NU – SIT

Computing-related degree courses

32. ***NEW*** Bachelor of Computing (Information Systems), NUS
33. ***NEW*** Bachelor of Science (Business Analytics), NUS
34. Bachelor of Computing (Computer Science), NUS

Maritime diploma courses

35. Diploma in Maritime Business, Singapore Maritime Academy - Singapore Polytechnic, SMA - SP
36. Diploma in Marine Engineering, SMA - SP
37. Diploma in Nautical Studies, SMA - SP

Annex B – Tripartite Maritime Scholarship (TMSS)

1. About the TMSS

The Tripartite Maritime Scholarship (TMSS) was introduced in 2002 and aims to attract and encourage locals to take up a seafaring career to build a core group of local mariners. This scholarship, sponsored by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA), seafarer unions (Singapore Maritime Officers' Union & Singapore Organisation of Seamen) and shipping companies, grooms promising students to become Ship Captains and Chief Engineers of ocean-going merchant ships and 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), SP. There is a bond period of three years with the sponsoring shipping company in a seagoing appointment, upon attainment of Deck/Marine Engineer Officer CoC Class 2. Pursuing a Diploma in Nautical Studies would prepare the scholar to be a Deck Officer, and eventually lead to the appointment as a Ship Captain. A Diploma in Marine Engineering would train one to be an engineer on board ship, and eventually lead to the appointment as Chief Engineer.

2. Courses Supported by the TMSS

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