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## From the Chairman's Desk

As Singapore kicks off a nation-wide celebration for her 50th birthday this year, the maritime industry will also be on the celebratory bandwagon as well. These five decades of independence did not come easy, but Singapore's strategic location as a global hub port, and development as an International Maritime Centre, has helped to contribute to the prosperity and success that our little red dot enjoys today.

Looking back at 2014, it has certainly been a fulfilling one for SMF. In August, 40 MaritimeONE scholarships sponsored by 18 companies, were given out at the annual MaritimeONE Scholarship Awards Ceremony. This means that a total of 200 MaritimeONE Scholarships worth more than S\$5.2 million have been offered to outstanding students to date, to pursue maritime-related courses in Singapore and overseas. We hope that more maritime partners would come forward to participate in SMF's efforts to attract more young people to the maritime industry, so as to ensure that the maritime talent pool continues to grow. The year 2014 also saw the completion of many new projects and initiatives, including the SMF Maritime Profiling Video, which I believe some of you would have seen at various events and in the cinemas. There was also the inaugural Singapore Ministerial Maritime Dialogue held in July last year – an event that SMF and our MaritimeONE partners are looking to continue again this year.

One major upcoming event that the maritime community can anticipate is the Sea Asia 2015 show, co-organised by SMF and Seatrade, from 21 to 23 April. This year, we are expecting more than 14,000 participants, with a 40 per cent increase in exhibition space spanned across two floors at the Marina Bay Sands, Singapore. We look forward to the exchange of ideas and views with fellow players in the industry at this iconic event.

Thereafter in June, SMF will be leading a contingent of maritime-related companies to Oslo, Norway, together with the Association of Singapore Marine Industries, as part of the Singapore Pavilion at Nor-Shipping from 2 to 5 June this year. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all our partners and sponsors for your continuous support, and we hope to work even more closely with you going forward.

With best wishes, Michael Chia Chairman Singapore Maritime Foundation

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## STEERING AHEAD... SMF INITIATIVES

A REVIEW OF 2014, JAN TO JUN 2014



### SMF New Year Cocktail Reception 2015, 16 January 2015

More than 250 maritime leaders from both the private and public sectors, attended the annual SMF New Year Cocktail Reception held at the Conrad...

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### NYPE Industry Consultation Session, 8 July

In 2014, a global series of three consultation seminars were organised in London (16 June), Stamford (18 June) and Singapore (8 July)...

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### Marine Insurance & Maritime Networking Event, 11 July

This year, the fourth Marine Insurance & Maritime Networking Event was held on the evening of 11 July, at J Bar of M Hotel with over 100...

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### SMF Strategic HR & PR Networking Session, 18 July

Over 80 HR and PR professionals from the maritime community attended the fifth SMF Strategic HR & PR Networking Session, held on 18 July at the...

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### Singapore Ministerial Maritime Dialogue, 30 July

The inaugural Singapore Ministerial Maritime Dialogue involved over 200 students from various Junior Colleges, Ngee Ann Polytechnic and the Singapore Maritime...

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### Maritime Knowledge Shipping Sessions 28 & 29, 12 August & 16 October

The General Insurance Association of Singapore (GIA) and the SMF jointly organised another two seminars in the 2nd half of the 2014, titled...

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### MaritimeONE Scholarship Awards Ceremony, 14 August

The 2014 MaritimeONE Scholarship Awards Ceremony was held at M Hotel on 14 August, where 40 MaritimeONE and 11 TMSS...

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### Industry Welcome Reception, 10 October

Held at Conrad Centennial Singapore, the 2014 Industry Welcome Reception took place on 10 October with more than 100 guests attending the evening event, specially organised annually to...

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### Bachelor of Science in Maritime Studies Graduates Get-Together, 28 October

SMF hosted the Bachelor of Science in Maritime Studies Graduates Get-Together at Shuffle Bistro Bar on 28...

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### Little Red Dot Maritime Reading Passport Sponsorship Programme

This is a new initiative in collaboration with the Singapore Press Holdings, to reach out to 80,000 primary...

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### YES Club Year-End Gathering, 17 December

The Young Executives and Students (YES) Club members were invited to the annual year-end gathering which took place on 17 December...

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### Cinema Advertisement Campaign

To coincide with the screening of the latest instalment of "The Hunger Games", a year-end blockbuster where many young people are expected to catch...

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## WHAT'S NEW



Join us from 16 – 26 April 2015 for the 10th Singapore Maritime Week (SMW), the leading maritime event in Singapore which gathers the international maritime community in Singapore for a week of conferences, dialogues, exhibitions and social events in celebration of all things maritime. In addition to the diverse range of industry conferences and events, a host of fun and informative activities have been prepared by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore and MaritimeONE partners, such as the Amazing Maritime Challenge and a maritime exhibition. More information available at [www.smw.sg](http://www.smw.sg)