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**Maritime Student Leaders from Singapore’s Tertiary Institutions Come Together for the First Time to Organise the Maritime Youth Forum 2023 with Support from Singapore Maritime Foundation**

*Senior Minister of State for Finance and Transport Mr. Chee Hong Tat graced the event organised by maritime student leaders from Nanyang Technological University, Singapore Management University and Singapore Polytechnic with the support of Singapore Maritime Foundation to deepen youth engagement with industry*

**Singapore, 10 February 2023**— For the first time, student leaders from the maritime clubs of Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore Management University (SMU) and Singapore Polytechnic (SP) came together to organise the Maritime Youth Forum. Senior Minister of State for Finance and Transport Mr. Chee Hong Tat graced the event as the Guest-of-Honour, delivered a speech and joined a student-moderated panel discussion.

The Maritime Youth Forum 2023, designed to deepen the engagement of Singapore’s youth with the industry, featured presentations by:

- Mr. Jeremy Sutton, Managing Director, Swire Shipping on “The Digitalisation of Shipping: A Shipowner’s Perspective”
- Mr. Goh Jia Yong, Partner, People Advisory Services, Ernst & Young (EY) on “The Convergence of Digital, Technology and Data: The Future is Now”

“The youth today who join maritime will spend a large portion of their career contributing to the drive towards IMO 2050 and other global sustainability goals. This is an exciting time to be part of the industry, and the Singapore Maritime Foundation is committed to connecting Singapore’s young talent with a sector that is transforming,” said Mr. Hor Weng Yew, Chairman, Singapore Maritime Foundation.

A networking reception with human resources professionals from leading maritime companies capped the Maritime Youth Forum 2023, which was attended by more than 150 students from Singapore’s tertiary institutions.



SMS Chee Hong Tat spoke about maritime transformation and future career prospects for tertiary students.



Mr Hor Weng Yew introduced key SMF initiatives that enhanced youth engagement in the sector.



(From left) Mr Girish Menon, Mr Hor Weng Yew, SMS Chee Hong Tat, Mr Jeremy Sutton and Mr Goh Jia Yong participated in a panel discussion addressing salient industry topics.

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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](http://www.smf.com.sg).

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