

# Maritime Heroine Series

## (Seafarer of Local Ferry)

"Calmness"

"Chan Kin-man, Assistant Master II of a Ferry Company"

Voice-over: Ferry is one of the common forms of transportation in Hong Kong.

Have you ever thought who navigate the ferries?

Chan Kin-man is only 24 years old,  
but she has already obtained a Local Coxswain Grade 2  
Certificate.

She is now working in a ferry company as Assistant Master II.

Kin-man developed a keen interest in water sports as a  
young girl,  
especially sailing.

Among the positions in sailing,  
Kin-man loves being the helmsman.

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Kin-man: Being a helmsman is quite special.  
You can control the course of the boat.  
The steady sailing of a boat relies on the helmsman.  
Having been a helmsman for quite some time,  
I become a more self-composed person.

Voice-over: Enjoy steering and controlling a boat,  
and also influenced by her peers,

she considered joining the maritime industry.

Kin-man: I tried other jobs before joining the industry,  
but those are not suitable for me.  
In the know about my friends were enjoying their jobs on the  
ferries,  
so, I want to give it a try.

Voice-over: It was rare to have female seafarers in the local vessel trade  
in the past.  
It was not easy for Kin-man to enter the field.  
It happened that a ferry company was recruiting young  
crews,  
an opportunity therefore appeared for Kin-man.  
Luter, Kin-man' s supervisor, said,  
he hired Kin-man because her personalities and strengths  
were suitable for the position.

"Lau Chik-fung, Luter, Senior Officer-Marine Operations of a Ferry  
Company"

Luter : I think she is smart.  
She likes sports and is physically fit  
to be a seafarer.  
We used to hire some young boys,  
but they could not handle some of the basic tasks.  
It does not have to be males for this position.  
Females are capable too.

Voice-over: To train up new employees,  
the company arranged a series of training programme,  
and Kin-man was one of the trainees.  
She holds a Local Coxswain Grade 2 Certificate.

Upon accumulating several months more sea time,  
i.e. one year in total,  
and completing relevant recognised training courses,  
she can then obtain the Local Coxswain Grade 1 Certificate.

Now Kin-man is working with her friends.  
They always encourage and compete with each other.

Kin-man: I am quite competitive.  
Though I joined the industry later than my friends,  
I hope I can surpass them.  
They also make effort to move forward.  
So we advance together.

Voice-over: Kin-man thinks that she has a smooth career path.  
It only took her three years to acquire the Local Coxswain  
Grade 2 Certificate.  
She regards the most important part in handling a ferry  
and a boat is to be safe.

Kin-man: Being a coxswain requires calmness and quick-thinking.  
Since there are so many vessels on the sea  
and the safety of all passengers is in my hand,  
I have to be very cautious.  
I know that I need to gain more experiences.  
My company has supported me with a lot of opportunities.  
I will keep moving forward  
according to the training programme offered by the  
company.  
I will learn from every voyage  
in order to be a more experienced coxswain.

"Navigate with calm and confidence"

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