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HONG KONG MARITIME WEEK 2025 HELD OPENING CEREMONY ON 17 NOVEMBER TO LEAD SHIPPING GREEN TRANSITIONS

Hong Kong Maritime Week (HKMW) officially held its opening ceremony on 17 November. Marking its ninth edition, HKMW showcases Hong Kong's status as a leading Global Maritime Capital with quality maritime services provided by our vibrant maritime cluster amidst the theme "Navigating to a Greener Future" and the tagline "Propel Hong Kong". The seven-day HKMW 2025 featured 56 events hosted by 73 local, Chinese Mainland and international organisations. It hits a record-high participation number, attracting over 18 000 participants from all over the world.



THE OPENING CEREMONY OF HONG KONG MARITIME WEEK 2025 CUM WORLD MARITIME MERCHANTS FORUM 2025



Speaking at the opening ceremony, the Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, said that in this era of profound and complex transformation, Hong Kong's role as a stable, reliable and dynamic maritime hub has never been more vital, highlighting that Hong Kong's standing is consistently endorsed by the international community, having been ranked fourth globally as an international

shipping centre for six consecutive years. Looking ahead, he reaffirmed Hong Kong's determination to be at the forefront as a premier green maritime fuel-bunkering centre, with a vision to become the epicenter of the global green maritime fuel trade. He called for collaboration to build green shipping corridors and digital trade lanes that will define the future of safe, efficient and sustainable global shipping, stating that the city's policy support, expertise, strategic vision and unwavering commitment can allow it to play a pivotal role in navigating the next era of shipping. The Chief Executive also witnessed the official establishment of the Hong Kong P&I Club with a group of guests, including Vice-Chairman of National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Mr C Y Leung; the Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), Mr Zhou Ji; Vice Minister of Transport Mr Fu Xuyin; and the Chairman of China Merchants Group, Mr Miao Jianmin.

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), Mr Arsenio Antonio Domínguez Velasco, emphasised in his recorded speech that Hong Kong is a strategic port and centre for maritime services, fully demonstrating that shipping is a vibrant and vital enabler of 80 per cent of world trade.



Secretary for Transport and Logistics, Ms Mable Chan, spoke at the World Maritime Merchants Forum (WMMF) 2025 Government Summit, "We are grateful to the Central Government for its support in consolidating and enhancing Hong Kong's position as an international maritime centre. The Hong Kong SAR Government will spare no effort and continue to actively promote the development of the maritime industry." She added that the Chief Executive announced in "2025 Policy Address" to establish a "Rail-sea-land-river" intermodal transport system to extend cargo sources from the Chinese Mainland, to build "partner port" relationships with Chinese Mainland ports of strategic collaboration significance as well as Belt and Road regions, to promote green shipping and digital transformation, to amend legislation for providing half-rate tax concessions to eligible commodity traders and for enhancing the flexibility of ship registration in Hong Kong. Hong Kong will continue to leverage its advantages as a "super-connector" to build a smart and green international maritime centre.



Vice Minister of Transport of the People's Republic of China, Mr Fu Xuyin, also spoke at the WMMF 2025 Government Summit, "The Fifteenth Five-Year Plan proposals emphasize specifically the need to

consolidate and enhance Hong Kong's status as an international maritime centre continuously, reflecting that the nation attaches great importance and high expectation to the development of Hong Kong's maritime industry." He also stated that the Ministry of Transport would further support Hong Kong in solidifying and strengthening its position as an international maritime centre, further leveraging the role of shipping enterprises in Hong Kong, proactively integrating into the overall national development, and working hand-in-hand with global maritime community to forge a "Blue Bond" among the Global Community of Shared Future.



The two-day WMMF explored topics on navigating crises and pursuing sustainability in the shipping industry amidst global geopolitical and economic transformations, with sub-forums focusing on shipping markets, legal and insurance issues, port and logistics, shipping finance, and shipbuilding and repair.

ASIAN LOGISTICS, MARITIME AND AVIATION CONFERENCE

The Asian Logistics, Maritime and Aviation Conference (ALMAC), another anchor event of the HKMW, also commenced on 17 November. The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, officiated at the conference, and unveiled the first batch of "partner port", including Guangxi and Dalian of the Chinese Mainland, and San Antonio Port of Chile, which marks a significant step in further deepening the exchanges and collaboration between Hong Kong and the international maritime networks.



This year's HKMW carries special significance as it is the first-ever edition following the establishment of Hong Kong Maritime and Port Development Board (HKMPDB) on 1 July this year. To signify this key milestone of the Hong Kong's maritime industry, HKMPDB has, for the first time, partnered with the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) to host the Hong Kong Maritime Week 2025 X Asian Logistics, Maritime and Aviation Conference 2025 VIP Luncheon. Speaking at the luncheon, the Chairman of the HKMPDB, Dr Moses Cheng, said, "With no doubt, the geopolitical tension in recent years has posed challenges to Hong Kong maritime industry. Having said that, our maritime strengths, including our city's free port status, efficient clearance process and common law system etc. continue to propel Hong Kong as a Global Maritime Capital with a large and diversified cluster of maritime-related companies. "

At the luncheon, container terminal operators in Hong Kong also signed two Memoranda of Understanding with the Western New Land-Sea Corridor and Guangxi Beibu Gulf, launching a premium sea-rail transshipment service connecting Sichuan, Chongqing, Guangxi and Hong Kong, thereby further expanding and strengthening the Comprehensive "Rail-sea-land-river" Intermodal Transport System, as well as enabling the flow and sharing of sea-rail transshipment cargo data between Hong Kong and Guangxi.



A SERIES OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES HELD IN HONG KONG

This year's HKMW fosters stronger connections among the global maritime trade. Returning to the stage in Hong Kong, the 2nd Hong Kong Global Maritime Trade Summit was organised by the International Chamber of Shipping, with policymakers and industry leaders gathering at the Summit to present challenges and solutions for effecting the changes under the rapid-changing global maritime trade environment. Making its debut at the HKMW, the three-day International Bunker Industry Association Annual Convention 2025 gathered global bunker leaders to discuss alternative fuels, market trends, regulatory updates, and digitalisation in bunkering. The IMO hosted two seminars respectively, focusing on ship recycling and shipping energy transition. The aforesaid events collectively demonstrate the confidence of the international community in Hong Kong as a global maritime capital.



The HKMPDB Flagship Session - Hong Kong: A Global Maritime Capital was held on 18 November, focus on green finance, legal certainty, and regional collaboration to build investable decarbonisation frameworks from the perspective of Hong Kong's maritime industry.

With a view to raising the community's awareness of Hong Kong's maritime industry and encouraging members of the public to join the public-facing HKMW activities, including the Free Family Fun Day organised



by the Hong Kong Maritime Museum, the Transport and Logistics Bureau partnered with Television Broadcasts Limited (TVB) to produce two feature stories. The two stories feature exclusive interviews with the Chairman of the HKMPDB, Dr Moses Cheng, and the Chairman of the HKMW Task Force, Mr Wellington Koo, offering insights into Hong Kong's strategic role in global maritime affairs, and broadcasted on TVB Jade on 17 and 18 November.

HKMW 2025 also produced a series of short videos shared across various social media channels, featuring interviews with industry leaders and event organisers who shed light on the leading role of Hong Kong as an international maritime hub.

The HKMW 2025 is organised by the HKMPDB, with the Hong Kong Shipowners Association and the Hong Kong Maritime Museum as co-organisers, and the HKTDC and Invest Hong Kong as partners. It is also supported by 17 prominent maritime associations and 24 mainstream media outlets.

For more information on HKMW and Hong Kong's maritime industry, please visit the websites of HKMW 2025 (www.hkmw.hk/en/index.html) and the HKMPDB (www.hkmpdb.gov.hk/en/index.html).





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