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HONG KONG MARITIME WEEK

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HONG KONG MARITIME WEEK 2025 16-22 NOVEMBER HONG KONG MARITIME COMMUNITY COLLABORATION IN ACTION

The success of Hong Kong Maritime Week (HKMW) 2025 is going to have a far-reaching impact on the city's economy, maritime industry development, international reputation, and community engagement. By bringing together diverse stakeholders, each event has strengthened Hong Kong's role as a global maritime capital, helped drive innovation, and fostered sustainable cooperation and growth for the future.

Anchor and significant events such as the HKMW 2025 Opening Ceremony, the World Maritime Merchants Forum, the Asian Logistics, Maritime and Aviation Conference, and 2nd Global Maritime Trade Summit might have commanded wide coverage and interest from stakeholders and media alike, it should never be forgotten that there were a record-breaking 56 events held across the city, all of which delivered excellent presentations or activities before highly appreciative local, Chinese Mainland and overseas audiences. Their participation is vital in making the Hong Kong Maritime Week the world-renowned industry gathering it is.

GREATER BAY MARITIME FORUM 2025 (HONG KONG)

Hong Kong Shipowners Association Managing Director Sandy Chan was delighted to share that the Greater Bay Maritime Forum 2025 (Hong Kong) organised by the Association had catalysed fruitful debate and collaboration amongst speakers and a large appreciative audience.

“The Greater Bay (GBA) Maritime Forum, first launched by the Hong Kong Shipowners Association in 2021, was back to Hong Kong by rotation this year,” said Ms Chan. “The event brought together maritime leaders, government representatives and industry experts from across the GBA and

internationally to exchange ideas on many critical issues of interest to the sector, as well as exploring co-operation opportunities in the region.”

The Forum also witnessed the launch of the Maritime Talent Cultivation Alliance, an initiative of the Hong Kong Shipowners Association designed to advance industry-education integration to support the sustainable growth of the industry. Bringing together 16 founding members including many prestigious industry organisations, universities and training institutions, the Alliance represents a collaborative effort to cultivate a new generation of maritime professionals equipped with both a global perspective of the business world and practical insights into industry operations.



NAVIGATING INNOVATION: UK MARITIME RECEPTION

Following HKMW, Director of Maritime and Coastguard Agency's (MCA) UK Customer Maritime Services Lars Lippuner, was pleased to express his pleasure in delivering a keynote address at the Navigating Innovation: UK Maritime Reception, together with the British Consulate General Hong Kong and the MCA's UK Shipping Concierge.

The event was opened by Chris Woodward, Director General Trade and Investment, and provided the opportunity for maritime industry stakeholders to hear first-hand about the MCA's new Maritime Innovation Hub. The Hub that officially launches in April 2026, enables innovation, accelerates regulation, and positions the UK as a maritime technology pioneer.



NAVIGATING CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES IN GLOBAL SEAS

The seminar on “Navigating Challenges & Opportunities in Global Seas” organised by the Hong Kong Federation of Insurance (HKFI) and the International Union of Marine Insurance (IUMI) had added significance this year by providing the venue for the signing of an important Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

The MoU, signed by IUMI and the Hong Kong Maritime and Port Development Board (HKMPDB) builds on a shared commitment to enhancing high-quality maritime education and nurturing talent in Hong Kong's maritime industry. The aim of the agreement is to:

- Develop a multi-skilled maritime insurance workforce with a global mindset for the Hong Kong market;
- Leverage the educational content and training resources such as the IUMI Cargo and Hull Insurance Online Tutorials for local talent development; and
- Collaborate at Hong Kong maritime events with special focus on marine insurance and related education drive.



Speaking from the sidelines of the seminar, Secretary General of IUMI, Lars Lange commented:

“The IUMI education programme has matured in recent years. We now provide webinars, podcasts, online tutorials and since 2023, our master classes, held twice a year, until now always in London. These comprise a Hull master class, and Cargo masterclass. Nevertheless, education to a degree is always local. Therefore we try to emphasise also bilateral cooperation on education.

“This afternoon we have signed an MoU with HKMPDB on local education and cooperation, which means we shall endeavour to support the efforts of HKFI to train the local high potentials for marine insurance.”

DECARBONISATION VS ECONOMIC REALITIES: BALANCING GREEN SHIPPING & PROFITABILITY

HKMW events held by the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (Hong Kong Branch) (ICSHK) have gained a loyal following over the years and 2025 was no exception, as it attempted to tackle the sticky problem of fuel transition and the cost of the commitment.

“At the forum, industry leaders debated shipping's green transition. Experts highlighted the tension between ambitious decarbonisation goals and stark economic realities,” said ICSHK Fellow and moderator for the occasion Jagmeet Makkar. “Key challenges include the high cost of alternative fuels like ammonia and methanol, uncertain regulatory frameworks, and who ultimately pays the premium. The consensus was that success hinges on unprecedented collaboration across finance, regulation, and technology, as inaction now poses a greater long-term economic risk than the cost of transition.”



2ND HONG KONG GLOBAL MARITIME TRADE SUMMIT

“The International Chamber of Shipping’s (ICS) Global Maritime Trade Summit and its closed-door ministerial was a clear success and delivered meaningful impact for the global maritime community. Aligning the programme with HKMW strengthened both the Summit and the wider week by bringing international perspectives into a focused forum that encouraged practical discussion and constructive exchange. The platform enabled ICS to advance key industry priorities, deepen cooperation with governments and industry partners, and contribute to a week that highlighted the relevance of maritime issues to global trade and economic resilience. We thank the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and all organisers for their support in ensuring the events ran effectively and added real value to the overall programme.” ICS commented.



PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT IN SHIPPING

Last but not least the Nautical Institute (Hong Kong Branch) held its “Performance Management in Shipping” seminar on 18 November at the Foreign Correspondents’ Club.

It was very encouraging to see that sea cadets were among the audience of local and overseas delegates. Chairman of the Nautical Institute (Hong Kong Branch), Dr Kaushik Roy declared the event a great success while emphasizing that “performance is crucial part of daily activities in our industry and managing it effectively is essential.”



Performance and its effective management were on display at all the events held during HKMW 2025. For that the HKMPDB wishes to express its deep appreciation to all the organisers who devoted so much of their precious time to ensuring the outstanding triumph of this year’s extraordinary week of activities. We eagerly look forward to seeing you all again for HKMW 2026!

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