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Minutes of a meeting of the Pilotage Advisory Committee

Date : 22 October 1997
Place: Conference Room (A), MD HQs
Time: 10:00 a.m.

Present

Chairman :	Mr. S.Y. TSUI	Deputy Director of Marine
Member :	Capt. Alan Loynd	Master Mariner
	Capt. Duncan Telfer	Master Mariner
	Mr. CHEUNG Hi-loi	Representing the Hong Kong Pilots Association
	Mr. LAM Tsan-wa	Representing the Hong Kong Pilots Association
	Capt. LEE Tai-kuen	Representing H. K. Liner Shipping Association
	Mr. Michael Sandpearl	Representing the Container Terminal Operators
	Mr. Y.O. CHOR	Master Mariner
	Mr. K.C. LI	Representing the Oil Terminal Operators
	Mr. WONG Tat-keung	Representing Dry Bulk Cargo Operators
	Mr. K. M. LEE	Marine Department
	Mr. K. K. NG	"
	Mr. M.J. Wareham	"
Secretary :	Mr. Michael YEUNG	"

In Attendance

Mr. P.J. WU	HK Pilots Association Ltd.
Mr. PAU Sai-hung	"
Mr. YEUNG Man-chor	"
Mr. Terence SIT	HK General Chamber of Commerce
Mr. LI Wai-man	Orient Overseas Container Lines Ltd.
Mr. F. L. CHEUK	Marine Department
Mr. F. C. CHAN	"
Mr. Newton CHAN	"
Mr. John Berry	Maunsell Consultants Asia Ltd.
Mr. Alex TAM	"

Absent with Apologies

Capt. Christopher Keen	Representing the HK Shipowner's Association
Mr. S.K. NGAN	Representing the Break Bulk Cargo Operators
Mr. YU Minghua	Representing Tug Operators
Mr. George Windram	Representing Dockyard Industry

I. Chairman's opening remarks

- M1600 1. The Chairman welcomed all members introduced the following -
- (i) Mr. WONG Tat-keung, representing Dry Bulk Cargo Operators vice Mr. Raymond LO;
 - (ii) Messrs. John Berry and Alex TAM, Maunsell Consultants Ltd., attending the meeting to present PAC paper 6/97; and
 - (iii) Messrs. F. C. CHAN and Newton CHAN, Marine Department, attending the meeting as observers.

II. Presentation of PAC Paper No. 6/97 “Marine Aspects of Tseung Kwan O Port Development at Area 131

- M1601 2. Mr. John Berry briefed members of the feasibility study for Tseung Kwan O Port Development at Area 131 which was earmarked as a permanent mid-stream cargo handling site. He summarized the findings during the period of the study in respect of the port layout, breakwater layout, mooring layout and other port operation aspects.
3. The chairman clarified that no waiting anchorage would be available at Area 131, because normally ocean going vessels should not go via the Lei Yue Mun Channel to the west harbour with the exception of those vessels at the DG anchorage at the TKO GMBs and the quarantine anchorage at Tai Miu Wan. He further clarified that the development would not only meet the present need but should also cater for future requirements. He confirmed that all mooring buoys in the area would be regularised for mooring by means of a booking system. These arrangements were fully supported by HKPA.
4. Suggestions were made that strobe lights should be provided on the mooring buoys and the possibility to carry out underwater inspections at TKO GMBs should be explored. There being no other comments, the chairman summed up the discussions and requested members to send in their further comments in 3 week’s time.
- Post Meeting Notes Capt. Alan Loynd sent in his comments after the meeting (letter at Annex A), he suggested to maintain a sheltered anchorage for underwater inspections, in-water surveys and salvage etc.

III. Confirmation minutes of the last meeting

- M1602 5. The minutes of the meeting held on 31 July 1997 were confirmed without amendments.

IV. Matters arising form previous minutes

- (i) Review of the Round Island (Ngan Chau) Pilot Boarding Station (M1590 refers)

M1603 6. Mr. PAU Sai-hung informed members that starting from 1 December 1997, Phase II operation of Round Island PBS would be implemented. He confirmed that there would be sufficient manpower to cope with the operation. He envisaged that Phase III implementation might be brought forward to as early as 1 October 1998 subject to availability of resources. Regarding leasing of the Ap Lei Chau shore base station, Mr. F. C. CHAN informed HKPA that they should receive an interim reply from Government Property Agency shortly.

(ii) **Pilotage Dues Review** (M1591 refers)

M1604 7. The Chairman informed members that a joint proposal was made by HKPA and HKLSA, the proposal was circulated and endorsed by all members on 15 October 1997. He congratulated all concerned parties in making this year's negotiation a smooth and successful one.

(iii) **Performance Measure of Pilots** (M1593 refers)

M1605 8. Mr. F. C. CHAN presented PAC paper no. 7/97 "Pilot Passage Planning". He proposed to put this program on trial for six months. Surveys to shipping companies would be conducted at the third and sixth months to evaluate the successfulness. The program was fully supported by HKPA and some detail areas could be fine tuned after it was launched. The proposal was endorsed by the meeting.

9. Regarding indicators for assessing pilots' performance, the Chairman requested Mr. Newton CHAN to explore with HKPA some applicable performance indicators as well as drawing overseas experience on this area for members' consideration. Capt. Duncan Telfer pointed out that the passage planning chart should be a useful tool since masters are required to give their comments after each and every task.

V. **Any Other Business**

(i) **Port Operation Seminar**

M1606 10. The Chairman invited all members to attend the Port Operation Seminar which was scheduled to be held on 27 November 1997. The seminar was jointly organized by Marine Department and HKPA and supported by General Chamber of Commerce and Hong Kong Liner Shipping Association. He informed members that the last one held in 1996 had received very positive feedback and was well received by the shipping industry.

(ii) **Berthing Guideline Amendments**

M1607 11. A berthing guideline amendment was proposed for members' endorsement.

The amendments were made for berthing/unberthing of small oil tankers at the small jetties of the Shell Tsing Yi Oil Terminal, the amendments were discussed and agreed at the PAC WG meeting held on 8 October 1997.

12. Capt. Alan Loynd was concerned about the control of increasing small crafts traffic which would interfere with the tankers' operation. The Chairman noted his concern and would ask Mr. Ken Yeomans to contact him direct. There being no other comments and the proposed amendment was endorsed.

13. Some members were confused with the paging system of the birthing guidelines, it was suggested that suffix "A, B, C..." should be used after the page number of amendment insertions.

14. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:00 a.m.

VI. Date of next meeting

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15. The date of next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, 17 December 1997 at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room A, 24/F., Marine Department HQs, Harbour Building. The Chairman invited member for a buffet lunch at the next meeting.

(Post Meeting Notes : the date of next meeting was brought forward to 15 December 1997)