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Minutes of a meeting of the Pilotage Advisory Committee

Date : 15 December 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
	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. YU Minghua	Representing Tug Operators
	Mr. George Windram	Representing Dockyard Industry
	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. Newton CHAN	"

Apologies

Capt. Duncan Telfer	Master Mariner
Capt. Christopher Keen	Representing the HK Shipowner's Association
Mr. S.K. NGAN	Representing the Break Bulk Cargo Operators

I. Chairman's opening remarks

M1609 1. The Chairman welcomed all members and introduced Mr. Newton CHAN, the new MO/Pilotage.

II. Confirmation minutes of the last meeting

M1610 2. To delete "in Area 131" in Post Meeting Notes after paragraph 4 in page 2. The minute held on 22 October 1997 were confirmed without further amendments.

III. Matters arising form previous minutes

(i) Review of the Round Island (Ngan Chau) Pilot Boarding Station (M1603 refers)

M1611 3. Mr. PAU Sai-hung reported that the Phase II operation went smoothly since 1 December 1997. There were about 26 to 40 movements per day which marked an increase of a maximum of 20 ships per day as compared with Phase I. He added that they have acquired 3 new pilot launches (with another one to come) which had greatly enhanced the operation. Mr. P. J. WU reported that GPA was still consulting other Government Departments on leasing of the Ap Lei Chau site.

4. Regarding requests of moving the PBS further south of the present position, Mr. PAU explained that the suggested position would be too exposed and could be easily affected by inclement weather and bad sea condition. The situation would be monitored and reviewed when necessary. With regard to the recommendation of extending the Traffic Separation Zone outside HK, the Chairman reported that discussions were made between MD and her Chinese counterpart and members would be informed of further progress.

(ii) Pilotage Dues Review (M1604 refers)

M1612 5. The Chairman informed members that a Provisional LegCo slot should be available in February 1998 for the necessary legislative amendments.

(iii) Performance Measure of Pilots (M1605 refers)

M1613 6. Mr. PAU Sai-hung reported that overseas authorities were approached and only one return was received from Singapore so far. More information would be required before some applicable performance indicators could be worked out in the WG. He further reported that trial run of passage planning had been started since 1 December 1997 and the response received was much encouraging.

(iv) Port Operation Seminar (M1606 refers)

M1614 7. The Chairman reported that the Port Operation Seminar held on 27 November

1997 was well attended by the shipping industry. Many in-depth questions on pilotage matter as well as other operation issues were covered, there were requests for items such as ISM Codes and Port State Control to be covered in the future. Representatives from Immigration and Port Health were invited to attend this seminar and were welcomed by all participants. The feedback from the operators was very positive and they would like to meet Custom & Excise representative at the next seminar. Mr. PAU Sai-hung added that the general response from the participants was to increase the number of Port Operation Seminar to about 3 to 4 times a year. He suggested to collect questions beforehand as far as possible so that representatives from other Government Departments could better prepare themselves. Beside frequency of seminar, the length of seminars was also regarded insufficient.

8. The Chairman noted the feedback and stated that the seminar would be very useful to serve as a forum where shipping industry could exchange views with MD and other relevant Government Departments. The request to increase the frequency of seminar would be considered.

IV. Any Other Business

(i) Pilot's Knowledge on Tug Operation

M1615 9. The Chairman suggested HKPA to look into the possibility of gaining more knowledge on tug operation by enhancing the present training schedule or by attaching their pilots to tugs companies to attain more tug operation experience. The meeting agreed that this item would be further discussed in the WG.

10. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:50 a.m. and the Chairman invited members for a buffet lunch in the VIP Room.

VI. Date of next meeting

M1616 11. The date of next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, 18 February 1998 at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room A, 24/F., Marine Department HQs, Harbour Building.

(Post Meeting Notes : the date of next meeting was postponed to 25 February 1998)