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**Minutes of a meeting of the Pilotage Advisory Committee**

Date : 25 February 1998

Place: Conference Room (A), MD HQs

Time: 10:00 a.m.

**Present**

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| Chairman :  | Mr. S.Y. TSUI       | Deputy Director of Marine                     |
| Member :    | Capt. Alan Loynd    | Master Mariner                                |
|             | Capt. Duncan Telfer | Master Mariner                                |
|             | Mr. Y.O. CHOR       | Master Mariner                                |
|             | Mr. CHEUNG Hi-loi   | Representing the Hong Kong Pilots Association |
|             | Mr. PAU Sai-hung    | Representing the Hong Kong Pilots Association |
|             | Capt. LEE Tai-kuen  | Representing H. K. Liner Shipping Association |
|             | Mr. John LEE        | Representing the Container Terminal Operators |
|             | Mr. George Windram  | Representing Dockyard Industry                |
|             | Mr. K.C. LI         | Representing the Oil Terminal Operators       |
|             | Mr. K. M. LEE       | Marine Department                             |
|             | Mr. M.J. Wareham    | "   |
| Secretary : | Mr. Michael YEUNG   | "   |

**In Attendance**

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| Mr. Terence SIT      | HK General Chamber of Commerce       |
| Mr. P.J. WU          | HK Pilots Association Ltd.           |
| Mr. YEUNG Man-chor   | "                                    |
| Mr. LI Wai-man       | Orient Overseas Container Lines Ltd. |
| Mr. Kenneth CHOW     | China Light & Power                  |
| Mr. L. K. SZETO      | Marine Department                    |
| Mr. F. L. CHEUK      | "                                    |
| Mr. C. Y. TSANG      | "                                    |
| Mr. Newton CHAN      | "                                    |
| Dr. Y. M. MAK        | ERM Consultant                       |
| Mr. K. D. P. Wilson  | A & FD                               |
| Mr. Deryck Ethelston | BABTIE BMT Consultant                |
| Mr. Richard Colwill  | "                                    |

**Apologies**

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| 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. WONG Tat-keung     | Representing Dry Bulk Cargo Operators       |
| Mr. K. K. NG           | Marine Department                           |

## **I. Chairman's opening remarks**

M1617 1. The Chairman welcomed all members and introduced Mr. John LEE, representing Terminal Operators vice Mr. Michael Sandpearl.

## **II. Confirmation minutes of the last meeting**

M1618 2. Minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 1997 were confirmed with the following amendments – to replace “Mr. PAU Sai-hing” by “The Chairman” in paragraph 6, line 1 and to replace “He” in line 3 by “Mr. PAU Sai-hung”.

## **III. Presentation of Papers**

### **(ii) PAC Paper No. 3/98 “Artificial Reef Deployment Study”**

M1619 3. Dr. Y.M. MAK briefed members on the construction and deployment of artificial reefs in Hong Kong Waters. He informed members that the programme was started in July 1997 for consultation and was comprised of two tiers, the first tier included fairways, future reclamation area and the second tier covered marine reserve and cultural parks.

4. Members raised general concerns such as water quality, water depth, marine activities in the selected areas, marking and drifting of the artificial reefs for Dr. MAK to take into consideration in the implementation stage. Members also pointed out drawbacks in some specific areas, as follows -

- (1) Area 1 and 5 were frequently used for sea trials;
- (2) Area 14 were used by some 14,000 ton tankers and emergency anchorage might take place;
- (3) Area 16 and 17 might affect Phase II development of Yim Tin Container Terminal; and
- (4) to take into account Cheung Chau dumping, CT10 development and Mirs Bay gas pipe line;

5. Dr. MAK noted points raised by members. Mr. SZETO assured members that artificial reef development in each area would be considered carefully case by case and navigational safety definitely would not be neglected. Sounding surveys would be carried out by consultant and passed to Hydrographic Office to update the navigation charts.

### **(i) PAC Paper No. 1/98 “Artificial Reef Proposals for Sha Chau and Lung Kwu**

### **Chau Marine Park**

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M1620 6. Mr. K.D.P. Wilson briefed members the artificial reef proposals for Sha Chau and Lung Kwu Chau Marine Park. Members commented that the area might not be suitable for the purpose because of heavy siltation, also many passenger craft and some vessels of less than 6.5m draft going to Shekou would frequently use that area as well. Mr. Wilson noted the comments and would evaluate the possible results.

#### **(ii) PAC Paper No. 2/98 "Green Island Development Project"**

M1621 7. Mr. Richard Colwill presented the paper. Members shown great concern on the possible traffic congestion caused by small crafts and river trade vessels. HKPA offered their comments on the mooring buoys deployment, removal of the WQ1A and traffic management of the Green Island. The meeting agreed that a special WG meeting should be arranged to discuss the technical details and marine safety must not be compromised in any circumstances. (Post meeting notes – a WG meeting was called on 18.3.98 to follow up on this item)

### **III. Interviewing three applicants for registration as apprentice pilots**

M1622 8. Mr. PAU Sai-hung briefed members on the backgrounds of the three applicants, Messrs. LAW Kwun-pun Marso, LEUNG Ping-fai and SHAM Yiu-tong. They were then introduced one by one for the interviews. The meeting was satisfied with the acceptance of the three applicants to be registered as apprentice pilots and would recommend them to the Pilotage Authority subject to the applicants passed their medical examinations. (Post meeting notes : all three applicants had passed their medical examinations and were registered as apprentice pilots)

### **IV. Matters arising from previous minutes**

#### **(i) Review of the Round Island (Ngan Chau) Pilot Boarding Station (M1611 refers)**

M1623 9. Mr. PAU Sai-hung reported that the Phase II operation went smoothly since implementation. He envisaged that Phase III operation could be brought forward to 1 October 1998. He informed members that action had been taken with VTC to setup another PBS at the West Lamma Channel in order to alleviate possible traffic congestion at the East Lamma Channel with Phase III operation in place. He further informed members that the Ap Lei Chau rent might be available in March 1998.

#### **(ii) Pilotage Dues Review (M1612 refers)**

M1624 10. The Chairman informed members that the proposed legislative amendments would be tabled at the Provisional LegCo this afternoon.

#### **(iii) Performance Measure of Pilots (M1613 refers)**

M1625 11. Mr. Newton CHAN reported that the Working Group was still in the process of exploring suitable and appropriate measures.

(iv) **Port Operation Seminar** (M1614 refers)

M1626 12. The Chairman informed members that the next Port Operation Seminar would be held on 27 March 1998. A guest speaker was invited from the Custom and Excise Department. Two subjects, ISM Codes and Port State Control would be covered by Marine Department. He invited all members to attend this seminar.

(v) **Proposed Berthing Guideline Amendments**

M1627 13. Mr. PAU Sai-hung briefed members on the proposed berthing guideline amendments. Capt. Alan Loynd suggested some amendments to page 04-60. The meeting endorsed the proposed berthing guideline amendments subject to the incorporation of Capt. Loynd's proposal. (Post meeting note : written amendment to page 04-60 was produced by Capt Loynd and accepted by HKPA, copy attached at Appendix I)

**IV. Any Other Business**

(i) **PAC Paper No. 4/98 "Installation of an automatic fog horn north of Kap Shui Mun Bridge"**

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M1628 14. Mr. C. Y. TSANG presented the paper. He informed members that the existing fog horn was facing south to warn off northbound vessels, an additional one had to be installed at the opposite direction, two horns would produce different sounds for easy recognition. The Chairman added that a study was conducted by Highways Department to establish an automatic detection system for vessels exceeding 41m height. The paper was endorsed by the meeting.

(ii) **HKPA Spring Dinner**

M1629 15. Mr. PAU Sai-hung invited all members to the HKPA spring dinner scheduled on 26 February 1998.

16. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 12:20 a.m.

**V. Date of next meeting**

M1630 17. The date of next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, 29 April 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 3 June 1998)