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Minutes of a meeting of the Pilotage Advisory Committee

Date : 16 September 1998

Place: Conference Room (A), MD HQs

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Present

Chairman :	Mr. M. C. TSANG	Deputy Director of Marine
Member :	Capt. Alan Loynd	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
	Capt. Christopher Keen	Representing the HK Shipowner's Association
	Mr. John LEE	Representing the Container Terminal Operators
	Mr. George Windram	Representing Dockyard Industry
	Mr. Rolo Stokkmo	Representing the Oil Terminal Operators
	Capt. CHEN Shi-zhou	Representing the Break Bulk Cargo Operators
	Mr. K. K. NG	Marine Department
	Mr. T. C. SIN	"
	Mr. M.J. Wareham	"
Secretary :	Mr. Michael YEUNG	"

In Attendance

Mr. Terence SIT	HK General Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Kenneth CHOW	China Light & Power
Mr. WU Ka-shun	South China Towing Co. Ltd.
Mr. P.J. WU	HK Pilots Association Ltd.
Mr. LAM Tsan-wa	"
Mr. YEUNG Man-chor	"
Mr. Newton CHAN	Marine Department

Apologies

Capt. Duncan Telfer	Master Mariner
Mr. YU Minghua	Representing Tug Operators
Mr. WONG Tat-keung	Representing Dry Bulk Cargo Operators

I. Chairman's Opening Remarks

M1642 1. The Chairman welcomed two new members, Capt. CHEN Shi-zhou and Mr. Rolo Stokkmo joining the Committee; he also welcomed Capt. WU Ka-shun, attending the meeting as an observer.

II. Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting

M1643 2. One proposed amendment in para. 2, line 5 : `break-water' should be amended to `breakwater'. There being no further amendments and minutes of the meeting held on 3 June 1998 were confirmed.

III. Matters arising from previous minutes

(i) Review of the Round Island (Ngan Chau) Pilot Boarding Station (M1633 refers)

M1644 3. Mr. PAU Sai-hung reported that HKPA was fully equipped both in manpower and other resources for the Phase III operation scheduled to be commenced on 1 October 1998. A seminar would be organized on 17 September 1998 to brief the tanker operators on the changes came along with the Phase III operation.

4. Mr. P. J. WU reported that the offer letter in respect of the leasing of the Ap Lei Chau site from GPA had been received in July 1998. They were in the process of finalizing the terms and conditions with GPA. He added that they were also negotiating with the Shipping Industry and Liner Shipping Association on revision of the pilotage dues. The fee structure might be changed and a new fee for the West Lamma Channel would be introduced.

(ii) Proposed Berthing Guideline Amendments

M1645 5. The meeting endorsed the proposed berthing guideline amendments as recommended by the PAC Working Group with the incorporation of some minor amendments suggested by Mr. PAU Sai-hung. Mr. P. J. WU informed members that an updated berthing guidelines would be available for distribution in October 1998.

(iii) Performance Measure of Pilots (M1635 refers)

M1646 6. Mr. Newton CHAN explained to members the results of an opinion survey of the pilot passage plan which had been put on trial for six months. He reported that overseas experience had been received from Singapore, USA and Australia and would be used as references in the formulation of performance indicators for local use. The meeting welcomed the positive result of the opinion survey and endorsed the revised Pilot's Passage Plan which had been extended to include all other pilot boarding stations in the port.

IV. Any Other Business

(i) **Amendment to the Pilotage Order 1998**

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7. Mr. Newton CHAN briefed members on the amendments to the First Schedule to the Pilotage Order which was to revise the training requirements of apprentice pilots. The amendments included the requirement for apprentice pilots to gain more experience in Ma Wan Channel and to revise the training requirements in berthing, unberthing, docking and undocking at various wharves, berths and docks.

(ii) **Pilot injury Incident**

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8. Mr. PAU Sai-hung reported an unfortunate incident of a pilot having his spinal cord severely injured when descending a pilot's ladder from a vessel, M.V. Ocean Beluga, on 12 August 1998. It was reported by the crew of Pilot Launch 15 that the lashing point of the pilot's ladder fell loose and the pilot lost his balance and fell on the deck of the pilot launch. Despite the occurrence of this accident, the vessel proceeded without stopping or reporting to VTC. It was only on the next date that VTC received the message. The meeting agreed that future cases like this should be reported to VTC immediately so that appropriate action could be taken while the vessel was still in the port.

V. **Date of next meeting**

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9. The date of next meeting was scheduled to be held on 25 November 1998.