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Minutes of a meeting of the Pilotage Advisory Committee

Date : 8 December 1999

Place: Conference Room (A), Marine Department HQs

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Present

Chairman :	Mr. K. M. LEE	Acting Deputy Director of Marine
Member :	Capt. CHEUNG Hon-ye	Representing HK Ship Owners Association
	Mr. Steve Y.O. CHOR	Representing Master Mariner
	Mr. CHUI Hing-cheung	Representing the Oil Terminal Operators
	Mr. KONG Cheuk-kwan	Representing Dockyard Industry
	Mr. Richard Lancaster	Representing Dry Bulk Cargo Operators
	Capt. LEE Tai-kuen	Representing H. K. Liner Shipping Association
	Mr. John Y. C. LEE	Representing the Container Terminal Operators
	Capt. Alan Loynd	Representing Master Mariner
	Mr. PAU Sai-hung	Representing the Hong Kong Pilots Association
	Capt. Duncan Telfer	Representing Master Mariner
	Capt. WU Ka-shun	Representing Tug Operators
	Mr. T. C. SIN	Representing Marine Department
	Mr. FAN Wai-biu	"
Secretary :	Mr. Michael YEUNG	"

Presentation of Papers

No. 14/99: Mr. CHAN Ming-kwong Marine Department

In Attendance

Mr. CHAN Shui-hoi	HK Pilots Association Ltd.
Mr. IP Wing-cheung	"
Mr. SHUM Yam-pui	"

Apologies

Capt. CHEN Shi-zhou	Break Bulk Cargo Operators
Mr. LAM Tsan-wa	Hong Kong Pilots Association
Mr. Terence SIT	HK General Chamber of Commerce
Mr. M. C. TSANG	Deputy Director of Marine

I. Chairman's Opening Remarks

- M1688 1. The Chairman welcomed all members and introduced –
- (i) Mr. Richard Lancaster representing Dry Bulk Cargo Operators vice Mr. Wong Tat-keung with effect from 1.6.1999;

(ii) Mr. Kong Cheuk-kwan representing Dockyard Industry vice Mr. George Windram with effect from 1.10.1999 and ;

(iii) Mr. Chung Chi-ning, MO/Pilotage, attends the meeting for the first time.

II. Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting

M1689 2. The minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 1999 were confirmed with no amendment.

III. Interviewing Apprentice Pilot

M1690 3. Mr. AU Che-hung was introduced to members for an apprentice pilot interview. All members were satisfied with his maritime training, ship handling experience and employment history. The meeting agreed to recommend him to the Pilotage Authority for registration as apprentice pilot subject to Mr. Au passing his medical examinations.

(Post meeting notes: Mr. Au passed his medical examination and had been registered as apprentice pilot)

IV. Presentation of PAC Papers

(i) PAC Paper 14/99 "Establishment of Prohibited Anchorage Area in Water south of Disney Park"

M1691 4. The study was to examine the further reclamation of the water area south of the Sham Tseng township to about 25 ha. A Marine Impact Assessment (MIA) study was carried out on the Ma Wan Fairway.

5. Mr. Peter LEUNG briefed members on the technical aspects of the project and Mr. Peter Lyon delivered result of the MIA study. HKPA was concerned about the increasing marine activities/traffic in the vicinity, the loss of navigable water space, the blinding effect to ships entering the channel by background lights from the future residential area and barges dumping. The Chairman assure HKPA that the traffic situation would be closely monitored and the Ma Wan launch would be maintained and could be stepped up if necessary.

6. Mr. Lyon explained to members the design of the sea wall and how it could provide the best protection in case of a steering failure. He informed members that the construction work would take around 24 months from end 2003 to end 2005. Contingency plan for foggy season would be to extend the restricted area further south for 50 meters. He further informed members that the study revealed that current increased due to reclamation should be insignificant.

V. Matters arising from previous minutes

(i) Dredging at the Ocean Terminal

M1692 7. Mr. K.P. KUI informed members that the Fill Management Committee had endorsed the dumping site for this project and the maintenance dredging would be started in mid-July. The work would last about 11 weeks and should be completed by end September.

VI. Any Other Business

(I) Confirmation of the following Papers that were circulated to members earlier :

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- (i) PAC Paper No. 11/99 “The New North East Lantau Outline Zoning Plan”
 - (ii) PAC Paper No. 12/99 “Consultation Document on the Artificial Reef Deployment Study”
 - (iii) PAC Paper No. 13/99 “Establishment of Marine Parks, Marine Reserves and Artificial Reefs”

(II) Establishment of the Kwai Chung Local Marine Traffic Control Station

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17. HKPA requested exemption of speed limit for their pilot boats from Davis Street Pier to the Round Island PBS. This was a port operation matter and HKPA was invited to send in their application via the normal course.

20. There being no other business and the meeting was ended at 12:40 p.m.

VII. Date of next meeting

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21. The date of next meeting is to be announced.