

PILOTAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the Pilotage Advisory Committee Meeting

Date : 15 December 2003 (Monday)
Place : Conference Room A, 24/F, Harbour Building
Time : 11 a.m.

Present

Chairman:	Mr. R F TUPPER	Deputy Director of Marine
Member:	Capt. Joseph FONSEKA	Master Mariner
	Capt. LI Kwan-wood	Master Mariner
	Mr. NG Jim-mi, Jimmy	Master Mariner
	Mr. CHEUNG Shun-hing	Representing Break Bulk Cargo Operators
	Mr. MA Yan-kwong	Representing Containers Terminal Operators
	Mr. KONG Cheuk-kwan	Representing Dockyard Industry
	Mr. Frank LAM	Representing Dry Bulk Cargo Operators
	Mr. WONG Yiu-kwong	Representing HK Liner Shipping Association
	Capt. CHAN Shui-hoi	Representing HK Pilots Association
	Capt. LAU Kam-cheong (on behalf of Capt. SO Ying-kit)	Representing HK Pilots Association
	Mr. YOUNG Yick-sing	Representing HK Shipowners Association
	Capt. WU Ka-shun	Representing Tug Operators
	Mr. LEE Ka-mo	AD/PC, Marine Department
	Mr. SIN Tak-cheung	GM/VTSS, Marine Department
	Mr. TONG Ho-lok	S/MAI(1), Marine Department
Secretary:	Ms. Shirley HO	ADS/C&G, Marine Department

In Attendance

Mr. Terrence Sit	HK General Chamber of Commerce
Capt. LAW Kwun-pan	HK Pilots Association (HKPA)
Capt. TANG Chiu-hung	-ditto-
Mr. SHUM Yum-pui	-ditto-
Dr. Richard COLWILL	BMT Asia Pacific Ltd.
Mr. CHAN Ming-kwong	SMO/P&D1, Marine Department

Absent with Apologies

Mr. CHUI Hing-cheung	Representing Oil Terminal Operators
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OPENING REMARKS

1. The Chairman welcomed all present and particularly introduced the following new members whose membership took effect on 1 December 2003 -
 - a) Mr. KONG Cheuk-kwan who was appointed to replace Mr. LI Pok-yan representing Dockyard Industry; and
 - b) Mr. Frank LAM who was appointed to replace Mr. Sam ROSE representing Dry Bulk Cargo Operators.
2. The Chairman told the meeting that Mr. CHUI Hing-cheung were not able to attend the meeting and had sent apologies for absence.

AGENDA ITEMS

I. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

3. The minutes of the last meeting held on 5 September 2003 were confirmed with the following amendments:
 - (a) Para. 8, line 7

To replace “he did not object” with “he did request detailed information that led to the proposed changes and tug operators had no objection”.
 - (b) Para. 12, line 5

To delete “the executive secretariat of the”.

II. Interviewing of Apprentice Pilot

4. The applicants, Mr. CHOW Man-wai and Mr. HUI Chui-chor, Charles, who had already passed the necessary medical examination, were asked in separate sessions to brief members of their own background. Having asked the two applicants some relevant questions, members were satisfied with their qualifications and experience and agreed to recommend them to the Pilotage Authority for registration as apprentice pilots.

5. In response to Capt. Joseph FONSEKA and Mr. Jimmy NG, Mr. SHUM Yum-pui said that the apprentice pilots would receive refresher training on language proficiency and pilotage skills after they started their apprenticeship, with a view to enhancing their communication skills and understanding of the pilotage profession so that they could make the best contributions to the port.
6. Mr. Frank LAM wished to know more details about the training and development programme offered to the apprentice pilots by the Hong Kong Pilot Association (HKPA). The Chairman agreed that a presentation of which would help new PAC members have a better understanding of the nurturing of pilots and requested the HKPA to consider giving the members a brief account at the next meeting.

(Post-meeting notes: Mr. CHOW and Mr. HUI registered as apprentice pilots on 5 January 2004.)

III. Presentation of PAC Papers

PAC Paper No. 7/2003 “Study on Marine Traffic Risk Assessment for Hong Kong Waters (Progress Report)”

7. Mr. CHAN Ming-kwong introduced that the PAC Paper No. 4/2003 on the same subject presented at the PAC meeting on 9 June 2003 had described the background and the timetable of the Study. Dr. Richard COLWILL then presented the paper and advised members on the progress associated with the Study.
8. Mr. Jimmy NG and Mr. TONG Ho-lok raised concern over issues such as fatalities in collisions, statistics of comparative risk with other major ports and impacts upon construction of the Macau-Zhuhai Bridge. Dr. Richard COLWILL explained that members’ views had been considered in assessing the present and future levels of marine traffic risks in the waters of Hong Kong. All relevant figures and statistics of the past incidents that were available and all external elements including the planned cross-boundary links and Mainland port developments had been included in the Study to help analyze and draw a meaningful conclusion for the situation in Hong Kong.

9. The Chairman thanked the presenters and concluded that options to mitigate risks identified by the Consultant would be developed in Phase III of the Study and another progress report would be brought to members' attention in due course.

IV. Any Other Business

10. The Chairman told members that a revised pilot booking form was tabled at the meeting for members' information. Mr. Y P SHUM highlighted the minor amendments made to the form and explained why the amendments were required.

V. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 12:20 p.m. The date of next meeting would be announced in due course.