

PILOTAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the Pilotage Advisory Committee Meeting

Date : 19 May 2006 (Friday)
Place : Conference Room A, 24/F, Harbour Building
Time : 10 a.m.

Present

Chairman:	Mr. W K LEE	Deputy Director of Marine
Member:	Capt. LI Kwan-wood	Master Mariner
	Mr. Harry LAM	Representing Containers Terminal Operators
	Mr. LI Pok-yan	Representing Dockyard Industry
	Mr. Edward CHIU	Representing Dry Bulk Cargo Operators
	Mr. Peter YIM	Representing HK Liner Shipping Association
	Capt. CHEN Yu-chi	Representing HK Pilots Association
	Capt. PAU Sai-hung	Representing HK Pilots Association
	Mr. CHENG Siu-lun	Representing Oil Terminal Operators
	Mr. K M LEE	AD/PC, Marine Department
Secretary:	Ms. Shirley HO	ADS/C&G, Marine Department

In Attendance

Mr. Peter CHEUNG	HK General Chamber of Commerce
Capt. LAW Kwun-pan	HK Pilots Association (HKPA)
Mr. SHUM Yum-pui	- ditto -
Mr. Andrew NG	MO/Pilotage, Marine Department

Absent with Apologies

Capt. Joseph FONSEKA	Master Mariner
Mr. NG Jim-mi, Jimmy	Master Mariner
Mr. Bengt William CLAEISSON	Representing Break Bulk Cargo Operators
Mr. YOUNG Yick-sing	Representing HK Shipowners Association
Capt. Alan LOYND	Representing Tug Operators
Mr. BUTT Lee-yuen	SMO/VTC, Marine Department
Mr. TONG Ho-lok	S(N)Exam, Marine Department

OPENING REMARKS

1. The Chairman welcomed all present. He extended particular welcome to Mr. Peter CHEUNG, who represented the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce to sit on the PAC on behalf of Mr. Terence SIT.
2. The Chairman told the meeting that the following members were not able to attend the meeting and had sent apologies for absence –
 - (a) Mr. Bengt CLAEISSON
 - (b) Capt. Joseph FONSEKA
 - (c) Capt. Alan LOYND
 - (d) Mr. NG Jim-mi, Jimmy
 - (e) Mr. YOUNG Yick-sing
 - (f) Mr. BUTT Lee-yuen
 - (g) Mr. TONG Ho-lok

AGENDA ITEMS

I. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

3. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed without any amendments.

II. Interviewing of Apprentice Pilot

4. Mr. HO Wing-hang was interviewed and asked some questions about his experience in handling various types of ships and the reasons why he would like to join the pilots profession etc. Members were satisfied with his qualifications and experience. The Chairman confirmed that Mr. HO had passed the necessary medical examination and with unanimous agreement from members he would recommend him to the Pilotage Authority for registration as apprentice pilot.

(Post-meeting notes: With the approval from the Pilotage Authority, Mr. HO registered as apprentice pilot on 19 May 2006.)

III. Any Other Business

Common Deed of Pilots Retirement Scheme

5. Mr. Y P SHUM introduced members to a copy of newly reviewed and executed deed of pilots retirement scheme, which was tabled at the meeting for members' information. He explained that the deed was made in 1976 and amended once in 1985. To ensure that the deed coped with the prevailing statutory requirements, Johnson Stokes & Master had been appointed to review and update the deed. The amended deed 2005 remained the goals and benefits for the existing members of the HKPA but provided that new members joining on or after 1 January 2007 would have to complete 10 years of service before entitlement to the retirement benefits. The Chairman thanked for the information provided by the HKPA.

Five-day Week in the Government

6. The Chairman confirmed that, under the MD five-day week scheme, the Vessel Traffic Centre would still operate around the clock and the Central Marine Office would still be opened on Saturdays in phase 1. He assured members that the scheme would not have any adverse impact on pilotage matters and it would be reviewed and adjusted to suit customers' need as and when required.

IV. Date of Next Meeting

7. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:30 a.m. The date of next meeting would be announced in due course.