



Pilotage Advisory Committee

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Working Group on Training and Certification for Pilots

Notes of the First Meeting

Date : 14 October 2004 (Thursday)
Time : 2:30 p.m.
Venue : Meeting Room, Marine Department Training Centre, 1/F Hydro Building,
Government Dockyard, Ngong Shing Road, Kowloon

Present

Chairman :	Mr. Jimmy NG	Master Mariner
Members :	Capt. Joseph FONSEKA	Master Mariner
	Capt. LAM Tsan-wa	Representing HK Pilots Association Ltd.
	Capt. SHAM Yiu-tong	- ditto -
	Capt. WU Ka-shun	Representing Tug Operators
	Mr. TONG Ho-lok	S/MAI(1), Marine Department (MD)
	Mr. Steven LAM	SMO/Training, MD
	Mr. Tony CHAN	MO/Training(1), MD
	Mr. Tony LI	MO/Pilotage, MD
Secretary :	Ms. Shirley HO	ADS/C&G, MD

I. Opening Remarks

1. The Chairman thanked all members for joining the working group and welcomed all to the meeting.

II. Discussion Item

Setting Up of a Working Group on Training and Certification for Pilots (WGTCP)

2. The Chairman and Mr. Tony LI briefed members of the background of the proposed formation of the WGTCP as follows –
 - (a) At its meeting held on 15 December 2003, members of the Pilotage Advisory Committee (PAC) expressed interest in knowing more about the training and development programme offered to the apprentice pilots by the Hong Kong Pilot Association (HKPA).
 - (b) A presentation on “Training and Development Programme for Pilots” was given to the PAC members at the meeting held on 23 April 2004 by Capt. YEUNG Man-chor of the HKPA. Mr. Tony LI suggested that in addition to the practical pilotage training on board, the HKPA should make use of the MD ship simulator to supplement their pilotage training, in particular for the training of the new apprentice pilots.
 - (c) At the PAC meeting held on 4 October 2004, Mr. LI reported that the two classes of 3-days simulation training arranged for a total of 8 apprentice pilots received very positive feedback. The PAC members were also informed that simulations were recommended in initial training for trainee pilot and as a means for periodical refresher training for licensed pilots according to the IMO Resolution A.960 (i.e. Recommendations on Training and Certification and on Operational Procedures for Maritime Pilots other than Deep-sea Pilots). Mr. LI therefore suggested and all PAC members agreed that a working group should be set up to review the current practice of pilotage training and development and to follow up on using the ship simulator as a supplementary training tool. Mr. Jimmy NG was elected as the Chairman of the working group.
3. Upon the Chairman’s invitation, Mr. Steven LAM gave members a brief account of the Full Mission Ship Simulator.
4. In response to Capt. LAM Tsan-wa, the Chairman confirmed that simulator training would be a supplementary tool for training and assessment but never a replacement of the practical pilotage training on board.

5. The following documents were tabled at the meeting for members' reference and discussion –

- (a) Extract of the powerpoint slides of the Full Mission Ship Simulator;
- (b) Proposed title, membership, terms of reference and frequency of meetings prepared by Mr. Tony LI;
- (c) Document QSP-010 “Recruitment and Training – Pilot” issued by the HKPA;
- (d) IMO Resolutions and Circulars “ Reports on Marine Casualties and Incidents”; and
- (e) Examination Syllabus for Class I and Class II Pilots.

6. Members had a lengthy discussion on the formation details of the WGTCP and subsequently agreed to the following unanimously –

(a) Title
Working Group on Training and Certification for Pilots

(b) Membership

Chairman :	Mr. Jimmy NG	Master Mariner
Members :	Capt. Joseph FONSEKA	Master Mariner
	Capt. LAM Tsan-wa	Representing HKPA
	SHAM Yiu-tong	Representing HKPA
	Capt. WU Ka-shun	Representing Tug Operators
	Mr. TONG Ho-lok	S/MAI(1), Marine Department
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(c) Terms of Reference

To make recommendations to the Pilotage Advisory Committee on matters referring to:

- (i) the qualifications of applicants to be registered as apprentice pilots;
- (ii) the training experience of applicants for a license under the Pilotage Order;
- (iii) the training and examination of apprentice pilots;

- (iv) the training and examination for each class of pilotage;
- (v) standard of competency of each class of pilotage; and
- (vi) continued proficiency for pilots.

(d) Frequency of Meetings

Monthly for the first three meetings

(e) Venue of Meetings

Meetings would be held in meeting rooms at MD Headquarters, MD Training Centre, HKPA and HK Polytechnic University on rotation basis.

Discussion Items of the next WGTCP meeting

7. Members shared the same view that “Training and Continued Proficiency of Class I Pilots” and “Examination Syllabus for Pilots” should be accorded priority for discussion at the next meeting.
8. The Secretary would distribute a copy each of the Pilotage Ordinance and the Pilotage Order to members for reference and discussion at the next meeting.

(Post-meeting notes: Mr. Tony LI suggested and the Chairman agreed that a copy each of the Pilotage Ordinance, the Pilotage Order, the Pilotage Regulations and the Pilotage (Disciplinary Procedure) Regulations should be distributed to members before the next meeting.)

III. Date of Next Meeting

9. The next meeting would be held in the HK Polytechnic University on 18 November 2004 (Thursday). Members would be informed of its details in due course.

(Post-meeting notes: Owing to unavailability of some members, the next meeting was re-scheduled for 26 November 2004.)

10. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 4:30 p.m. Members were then invited to visit and were given a demonstration of the Full Mission Ship Simulator of the MD Training Centre.