



## Pilotage Advisory Committee

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### Working Group on Training and Certification for Pilots

#### Notes of the Eighth Meeting

Date : 29 November 2005 (Tuesday)  
Time : 10:45 a.m.  
Venue : Conference Room B, Marine Department, 22/F, Harbour Building,  
Central

#### Present

Chairman :	Dr. Jimmy NG	Master Mariner
Members :	Capt. LAM Tsan-wa	Representing HK Pilots Association (HKPA)
	Capt. SHAM Yiu-tong	- ditto -
	Mr. SHUM Yum-pui	- ditto -
	Capt. YEUNG Man-chor	- ditto -
	Capt. Alan LOYND	Representing Tug Operators
	Mr. TONG Ho-lok	S/MAI(1), Marine Department (MD)
	Mr. Tony CHAN	SMO/Training(Ag), MD
	Mr. Andrew NG	MO/Pilotage, MD
Secretary :	Ms. Shirley HO	ADS/C&G, MD

#### Absent with Apologies

Capt. Joseph FONSEKA Master Mariner

## **I. Opening Remarks**

1. The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. He told the meeting that Capt. Joe FONSEKA was out of town and had sent apologies for absence from the meeting.

## **II. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting**

2. The notes of last meeting were confirmed without any amendments.

## **III. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting**

### ***Framework for Class I Pilots Continued Proficiency Development Programme (CPDP)***

3. Capt. SHAM Yiu-tong referred members to the finished parts of the framework for Class I pilots CPDP at Annex I of the notes of last meeting and gave a brief account of the proposed implementation of the CPDP. According to the proposal, all Class I pilots would have to attend four courses in different operational aspects and one ship handling simulator exercise, which were to be arranged by HKPA, within a cycle of five years. The courses and exercises would be organized regularly throughout the five years. If a pilot could not make one course in his first year, he still had four years to catch it up. Five years were therefore supposed to be sufficient and reasonable for a pilot to complete all the necessary classes of his CPDP. HKPA would keep a training record for each of the participating Class I pilots.
4. In reply to Capt. Alan LOYND, Capt. SHAM Yiu-tong said that the specific date to start the CPDP would be subject to the comments collected at the PAC meeting. Having sought the endorsement from the PAC, HKPA would need sufficient time, say one year, to draw up the details of the CPDP before it could start running. The Chairman suggested and members agreed that the exact start date of the CPDP and whether it should be approved by the Pilotage Authority (PA) should be

determined by PAC members at its next meeting.

5. The Chairman enquired if the CPDP should specify when and to whom the training record or training statistics should be submitted. The HKPA had reservation about a yearly submission of a full set of training statistics and management information to the PA. Mr. Andrew NG proposed that copy of the training record of individual pilot should be submitted to the PA prior to each annual renewal of pilot licence. Members had no objection but would prefer it to be decided by the PAC.
6. Mr. TONG Ho-lok questioned if a pilot, who would retire in five years or less, would not actively participate in the CPDP to continue their proficiency development. Capt. Alan LOYND was of the view that it would be in the pilots' own interest and merit to attend the training programmes to refresh themselves and protect them against any inquiries in case of accidents.
7. Mr. SHUM Yum-pui opined that the working group was tasked to push through the formulation of a framework for the CPDP. As to its detailed contents, administration, management and problem of implementation, they should be vested in the HKPA. He believed that as the programme started running the HKPA and the MD would communicate and work closely to make it improved and mature. Capt. SHAM Yiu-tong expected a wider acceptance of the continued proficiency development concept by the pilots with the programme in place because the pilots would have the chance to realize and experience the benefits that the programme might bring to them.
8. Members agreed and the Chairman concluded that a PAC paper on the agreed framework for the CPDP would be prepared and circulated to members for comments and confirmation before formally submitting it to PAC for discussion and endorsement.
9. Upon completion of the formulation of a framework for the CPDP, the Chairman said that it would be the last meeting of this working group. He thanked members for their kind contribution of time and valuable opinions to make the working group a success.

**IV. Any Other Business**

10. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:30 p.m.