

PILOTAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Working Group on Continued Proficiency Development Programme (CPDP) for Class I Pilots

Notes of 2nd Meeting

Date : 10 March 2009 (Tuesday)
Place : Marine Department Training Centre, Government Dockyard
Time : 3:00 p.m.

Present

Chairman: Capt. CHAN Lok-ching	Master Mariner
Member: Mr. CHOR Yee-on	HK Pilots Association (HKPA)
<i>(on behalf of Capt. YEUNG Man-chor)</i>	
Capt. Steven LAM	- ditto -
Mr. WONG Wing-hung	SMO/Training, Marine Department (MD)
Mr. Andrew NG	MO/Pilotage, MD
Secretary: Mr. John LEUNG	ADS/C&G, MD

Absent with Apologies

Capt. David WATKINS	Master Mariner
Mr. TONG Ho-lok	S(N)Exam, MD

Opening Remarks

1. The Secretary informed the meeting that Capt. David WATKINS and Mr. TONG Ho-lok were unable to attend the meeting and had sent their apologies for absence.

Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

2. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed without any amendments.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

3. Capt. Steven LAM said that for the Managerial Aspect, he would study and make reference to other Bridge Resource Management (BRM) courses and the materials provided by the Chairman of the Working Group. Capt. LAM also said that the course's emphasis would be on the practical side and the communications between the pilot and the bridge team. Mr. Andrew NG said that the IMO Resolution A960 included the recommendation on operational procedures for the pilot and the bridge team, which would be valuable for the preparation of the course materials.

4. For the Practical Aspect, Capt. LAM said that he was looking at the past incidents and would work out some simulation scenarios to be used for the training course. He also asked members for their suggestion on the scenarios. The Chairman said that past accidents should be included to see how the pilots responded. Mr. NG suggested that past accidents occurred in concerned areas such as Western Fairway, East Lamma Channel, Ma Wan and Urmston Road should be considered. Moreover, for the pilots to gain some insights, the scenarios should also include emergency situations which not all pilots had had such experiences. Capt. LAM said that he would prepare four different scenarios including past accidents and emergency situations in the simulation exercises.

5. Mr. Andrew NG said that to ensure the pilots' performance in the Practical Aspect was satisfactory, it was suggested that assessment or examination element should be included in the course. Capt. Steven LAM replied that since the course was not designed to test the pilots' ship-handling ability, it would not be necessary to assess the pilots' performance during the course. Moreover, from his experience in the first CPDP cycle, all the pilots were very serious in the simulation exercises. Mr. WONG Wing-hung said that discussing the responses of the pilots and learning points were the purposes of the de-briefing.

Re-examining the same pilot by repeating the same scenario would be of little value as the pilot should already know how to handle it. The Chairman pointed out that there would always be some differences between the simulation and the reality, and therefore it would be difficult to assess the pilots' performance based on the simulation. The Secretary asked if there would be any assessments on the course. Capt. LAM replied that the HKPA would assess the course internally. The Chairman said that he would attend the first combined course to evaluate whether the training was appropriate and satisfactory.

6. After detailed discussion, the meeting agreed that the HKPA would prepare the outlines of the simulation scenarios, and circulate them to members for comments. Upon completion of preparing the scenarios by the Training Centre, trial runs would be conducted with the presence of MD prior to the commencement of the course.

Demonstration of Ship Simulation

7. Mr. WONG Wing-hung briefed members on the facilities and functions of the MD Training Centre. Mr. WONG also demonstrated the ship simulators to the members.

VI. Date of Next Meeting

8. The meeting agreed that Working Group members would be invited to attend the first CPDP course on "Managerial and Practical Aspects", which was expected to be held in August 2009.
9. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 4:50 p.m. The date of the next meeting would be announced in due course.