

PORT WELFARE COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the Port Welfare Committee Meeting
held on 22 September 2004 at 2:30p.m. in Conference Room A,
Marine Department Headquarters, 24th Floor,
Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong**

Present

Mr. Andrew CHEN Yee	Chairman	Hong Kong Shipowners' Association
Captain HO Kai-hung	Member	Merchant Navy Officers' Guild-Hong Kong
Mr. TING Kam-yuen (on behalf of Mr. POON Chi-kwok)	Member	Hong Kong Seamen's Union
Mr. P. K. Jha (on behalf of Captain C.A.J. Vanderperre)	Member	Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
Mr. SO Ping-chi	Member	Marine Department (ex-officio)
Dr. P. L. MA	Member	Department of Health (ex-officio)
Mr. MA Kwok-kuen (on behalf of Mr. NG Ka-kwong)	Member	Labour Department (ex-officio)
Mrs. Patricia LUK	Secretary	Marine Department (ex-officio)

In attendance

Mr. Patrick CHUNG	Marine Department
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Absent with apologies

Mr. Rajaish Bajpae	Member	Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
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The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and introduced the following persons -

Mr. TING Kam-yuen, who represented the Hong Kong Seamen's Union on behalf of Mr. POON Chi-kwok

Mr. P. K. Jha, who represented Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce on behalf of Capt. C.A.J. Vanderperre; and

Mr. MA Kwok-kuen, who represented Labour Department on behalf of Mr. NG Ka-kwong.

AGENDA ITEMS

I. Confirmation of minutes of the last meeting held on 15 April 2004

2. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed without amendment.

II. Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting

Redevelopment of the Mariner's Club

3. Mr. SO Ping-chi said that he understood from the Sailors' Home and Missions to Seamen (SHMS) that no renovation work had been carried out in the Mariner's Club apart from essential improvement works to comply with the fire regulations. SHMS had recently met with representatives of the Group of 240-Seafarer twice for informal consultation on the redevelopment project.

4. The Chairman opined that the recent recovery of the property market might give a good opportunity to re-open discussion on the redevelopment project.

5. Mr. TING Kam-yuen supplemented that his Union had been invited by the SHMS to take part in an informal discussion together with representatives from Hong Kong Lands. However, there was not much progress from the discussion. His Union would have an internal discussion on the issue in October this year.

6. The Chairman said that the Port Welfare Committee stood ready to support proposals that helped promote the welfare of the seafarers. He requested Mr. TING to keep members informed of the up-to-date situation.

III. Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2004

7. The Secretary reported the following financial position of the Committee for the year ending 31 March 2004 as set out on page 3 of the financial statements -

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Income	97,560
Expenditure	114,090
Deficit	(16,530)
Surplus at the beginning of year	235,500
Surplus at the end of year	218,970

She supplemented that the accounts had been audited by the honorary auditors. Members approved the Committee's accounts for the year ending 31 March 2004 unanimously.

8. On behalf of the Committee, the Chairman expressed gratitude to Albert LAM & Co. for providing free auditing services to the Committee.

IV. Potential donors for 2004/05

9. The Secretary had compiled a list of donors in 2003/04 and a list of potential donors for 2004/05, both of which had been circulated to members together with the agenda of the meeting. Members went through the lists at the meeting.

10. The Secretary said that if members knew of any other potential donors, they could inform her to update the list. The Chairman said that he would critically look at the list and write a personal letter to all the potential donors to appeal for their donations to the Committee.

V. Draft Annual Report for 2003/04

11. A copy of the draft Annual Report for 2003/04 had been sent to members before the meeting. Members had no comments and accepted the draft without amendment. The Secretary would arrange for printing of the report and its distribution together with the appeal letters for donation to potential donors in October 2004.

VI **Appointment of honorary auditors**

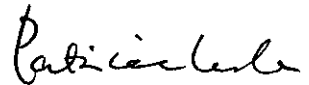
12. The Chairman proposed, and members agreed, that he would sign on behalf of the Committee a letter formally appointing Albert LAM & Co. as honorary auditors of the Committee.

VII **Date of next meeting**

13. The Chairman advised that the next regular meeting would be held in April 2005. The Secretary would inform members of the details in due course.



(Mr. Andrew CHEN Yee)
Chairman



(Mrs. Patricia LUK)
Secretary

15 April 2005