

PORT WELFARE COMMITTEE

**Notes of the Port Welfare Committee Meeting
held on 15 April 2005 at 3:00 p.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 YU Yun-chi (on behalf of Captain HO Kai-hung)	Member	Merchant Navy Officers' Guild - Hong Kong
Mr. TSANG Man-ngai (on behalf of Mr. POON Chi-kwok)	Member	Hong Kong Seamen's Union
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)
Mrs. Patricia LUK	Secretary	Marine Department (ex-officio)

In Attendance

Mr. Ernest LAM		Marine Department
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Absent with Apologies

Mr. Rajaish Bajpae	Member	Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
Mr. NG Ka-kwong	Member	Labour Department (ex-officio)

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and introduced Mr. TSANG Man-ngai who represented Hong Kong Seamen's Union on behalf of Mr. POON Chi-kwok.

AGENDA ITEMS

I. Confirmation of Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 22 September 2004

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

II. Matters arising from Minutes of the Last Meeting

Redevelopment of the Mariners' Club

3. In response to the Chairman's invitation, Mr. SO Ping-chi informed members that no new development was heard from both the objectors and the developer. He understood that the developer had informally met the Joint Conference of Trade Unions and Organizations in the HK shipping circle last month but no significant progress was made after the meeting.

4. The Chairman said that he hoped the developer could come up with an agreement with the objectors as early as possible. He requested members to keep in view the progress of the redevelopment project.

III. Financial Position of the Committee as at 31 March 2005

5. The Secretary advised that the financial position of the Committee as at 31 March 2005 was as follows:

Savings Account	\$150,737.92
Current Account	\$8.13
Fixed Deposit Account	<u>\$172,671.61</u>
Balance:	<u><u>\$323,417.66</u></u>

IV. Donations received by the Committee in 2004/2005

6. The Chairman said that in response to the Committee's appeal for donations, a total of \$108,800 was received from 54 donors in 2004/2005. The donations included \$2,000 from Unitor Ships Service (HK) Ltd. received in late

March 2005 after circulation of the donors list and the agenda of the meeting to members. The amount of donations received was \$11,300 more than those in 2003/2004.

V. **Allocation of Grants to Agencies**

7. The Chairman proposed and members agreed that the same amount of subsidies as last year's should be granted to the following two organizations, detailed as follows:

The Sailors' Home and Missions to Seamen	\$100,000
The Danish Seamen's Church	<u>\$10,000</u>
Total:	<u>\$110,000</u>

VI. **Any Other Business**

Potential Donors for 2005/2006

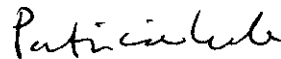
8. Captain YU Yun-chi suggested that appeal letters should be sent to more HKSR-related shipping companies and shipowners to seek their donations to the Committee. After some exchange of views, members agreed that the current lists of potential donors should be reviewed and updated in order to seek more donations. The Secretary would follow up.

VI. **Date of Next Meeting**

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



(Mr. Andrew CHEN Yee)
Chairman



(Mrs. Patricia LUK)
Secretary

16 September 2005