

**Minutes of the Port Welfare Committee Meeting
held on 12 May 2006 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 <i>(on behalf of Capt. HO Kai-hung)</i>	Member	Merchant Navy Officers' Guild-Hong Kong
Mr. TSANG Man-ngai	Member	Hong Kong Seamen's Union
Captain C.A.J. Vanderperre	Member	Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
Mr. S. Jairaj <i>(on behalf of Mr. Rajaish Bajpae)</i>	Member	Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
Mr. SO Ping-chi	Member	Marine Department (ex-officio)
Dr. Henry KONG	Member	Department of Health (ex-officio)
Ms LAM Choi-ping <i>(on behalf of Mr. NG Ka-kwong)</i>	Member	Labour Department (ex-officio)
Mrs. Patricia LUK	Secretary	Marine Department (ex-officio)

In attendance

Mr. Edmond WONG	Marine Department
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The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and introduced the following persons –

Mr. TSANG Man-ngai who had replaced Mr. POON Chi-kwok as representative of the Hong Kong Seamen's Union;

Mr. S. Jairaj who attended on behalf of Mr. Rajaish Bajpae as representative of HK General Chamber of Commerce;

Capt. YU Yun-chi who attended on behalf of Capt. HO Kai-hung as representative of the Merchant Navy Officers' Guild; and

Ms LAM Choi-ping who attended on behalf of Mr. NG Ka-kwong as representative of the Labour Department.

AGENDA ITEMS

I. Confirmation of Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 16 September 2005

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

II. Briefing by the representative of the Sailors' Home and Missions to Seamen (SHMS) on initiatives to enhance welfare of the visiting seafarers

3. The Chairman informed members that Rev. Peter Ellis, representative of SHMS, could not attend this meeting to brief members about the initiatives of the SHMS owing to other commitment. The Chairman suggested to invite him again to attend the next meeting of the Port Welfare Committee if necessary or request him to present SHMS' initiatives in writing for the information of the members. The Chairman also invited members to bring to the meeting any proposals or initiatives relating to the welfare of the visiting seafarers so that members could discuss and exchange views.

III. Financial Position of the Committee

4. Members noted the financial position of the Committee as at 31.3.2006, as follows –

Savings Account	\$166,085.33
Current Account	\$8.13
Fixed Deposit Account	\$175,366.22
Balance :	<u>\$341,459.68</u>

IV. Donations received by the Committee in 2005/2006

5. The Chairman said that in response to the Committee's appeal for donations, a total of \$129,000 was received from 60 donors in 2005/06. The amount of donations received was \$20,200 more than that in 2004/05. It was noted that a total of \$108,800 was received from 54 donors in 2004/05.

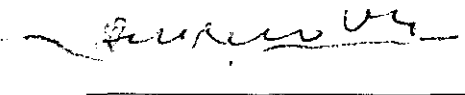
V. Allocation of Grants to Agencies

6. The Chairman proposed and members agreed that the same amount of subsidies as last year's be granted to the following two organizations –

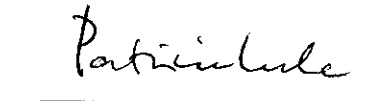
The Sailors' Home and Missions to Seamen	\$100,000
The Danish Seamen's Church	<u>\$10,000</u>
Total :	<u>\$110,000</u>

VI. Date of next meeting

7. The Chairman advised that the next regular meeting would be held in September 2006. The Secretary would inform members of the details in due course.



Chairman



Secretary

29 September 2006