

PORT WELFARE COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the Port Welfare Committee Meeting
held on 22 March 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room A,
24th Floor, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong**

Present

Mr. KOO Chee-kong, Kenneth	Chairman	Hong Kong Shipowners Association
Miss LEUNG Pik-yan <i>(on behalf of Captain YUEN Pong-kit)</i>	Member	Merchant Navy Officers' Guild – Hong Kong
Mr. TSANG Man-ngai	Member	Hong Kong Seamen's Union
Dr Thomas CHUNG	Member	Department of Health (ex-officio)
Ms LUK Wai-ling, Melody	Member	Labour Department (ex-officio)
Miss Shirley LEUNG	Secretary	Marine Department (ex-officio)

In attendance

Ms Winnie YEUNG		Marine Department
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Absent with apologies

Mr Simon Frank Doughty	Member	Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
Captain Gur-Prasad Kohli	Member	Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
Mr CHICK King-fai	Member	Marine Department (ex-officio)

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and introduced the following persons –

- (a) Ms LUK Wai-ling, Melody who had replaced Mr Charles HUI as the representative of the Labour Department; and
- (b) Miss LEUNG Pik-yan who attended the meeting on behalf of Capt. YUEN Pong-kit, representative of Merchant Navy Officers' Guild – Hong Kong.

AGENDA ITEMS

I. Confirmation of Minutes of the Last Meeting Held on 15 October 2010

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

II. Financial Position of the Committee as at 2 March 2011

3. The Secretary briefed members on the financial position of the Committee as at 2 March 2011 as follows-

Savings Account	\$624,803.44
Current Account	<u>\$ 8.13</u>
Balance :	<u>\$624,811.57</u>

III. Donations Received by the Committee in 2010-11

Donations Received from the Charity Dinner with Auction Held on 28 October 2010 (Appendix A)

4. The Chairman reported that the Charity Dinner with Auction had first been initiated by Captain Kohli at the meeting of the Steering Committee on "Maritime Awareness Week". With logistics support provided by the Marine Department, the event had received warm responses from the donors. The amounts of donations received from the sponsorship for tables and auction had been \$50,000 and \$41,400 respectively. Netting off the expenditure of \$33,000 for the dinner, net proceeds of \$ 58,400 had

been recorded.

5. The Secretary supplemented that 12 sponsored tables had been subscribed by members of the maritime industry and twelve memorabilia which had been donated to the event by the Chairman of the Committee, Transport and Housing Bureau, Marine Department, Hong Kong Maritime Museum, Nautical Institute, Hong Kong Branch and MSC Ship Management (HK) Limited had been put for auction during the dinner reception.

Donations Received from Donors (Appendix B)

6. The Chairman reported that in response to the Committee's appeal for donations for 2010-11, a total of \$407,300 had been received from 48 donors as at 2 March 2011. Up till 22 March 2011, a total of \$115,000 had been received from another four donors. The total amount of donations received was \$522,300. Compared with the record high donations of \$809,183 received from 53 donors last year, this year's donations were \$286,883 less.

IV. Allocation of Grants to Agencies (Appendix C)

7. Taking into account the total donations received so far and the financial difficulties faced by the Mariners' Club, the Chairman proposed and members agreed that the amount of subsidies to be granted to the following two organizations in 2010-11 would be-

The Sailors' Home & Missions to Seamen	\$500,000
The Danish Seamen's Church	<u>\$50,000</u>
Total	<u>\$550,000</u>

As a result, barring further donations which might be received by the Committee after 22 March 2011, a sum of about \$189,800 would be left for emergency situations like to cater for the relief of distressed seafarers who were unfortunately abandoned or detained in Hong Kong in case such a need arose.

V. **Any Other Business**

Captain Kohli's Resignation

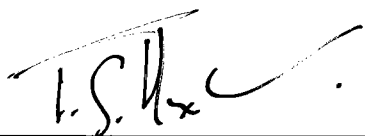
8. The Chairman informed members that Captain Kohli had tendered resignation which would take effect on 1 April 2011 as he would be relocating to India to begin a new job. Noting that the term of office of the existing members would expire on 30 June 2011, members agreed not to invite Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce to nominate another representative to replace Captain Kohli for the period from April to June 2011.

Drinks Reception

9. The Chairman proposed that the Committee organize a drinks reception to express appreciation of and gratitude to the donors for their support to the Committee. The function which would be sponsored by the Chairman and co-organized with the Sailors' Home & Missions to Seamen would be held on 28 April 2011 at the Mariners' Club in Tsimshatsui. The meeting agreed that the drinks reception should start at around 5:30 pm for achieving a good turnout.

VI **Date of Next Meeting**

10. The Chairman advised that the next regular meeting of the Committee would be held in September 2011. The Secretary would inform members of the details in due course.



(Mr. Timothy Scott Huxley)
Chairman



(Miss Shirley LEUNG)
Secretary

20 September 2011