

# PORT WELFARE COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the Port Welfare Committee Meeting  
held on 25 September 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room A,  
24th Floor, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong**

## **Present**

Mr Timothy Scott Huxley	Chairman	Hong Kong Shipowners Association
Ms Elaine Tsang <i>(on behalf of Mr Michael Marques)</i>	Member	Merchant Navy Officers' Guild -Hong Kong
Dr Raymond Ho	Member	Department of Health (ex-officio)
Ms Esther Chan	Member	Labour Department (ex-officio)
Mr C H Tso <i>(on behalf of Dr Stephen Li)</i>	Member	Marine Department (ex-officio)
Mr Jack MF Chan	Secretary	Marine Department (ex-officio)

## **In attendance**

Dr Allen Chan		Department of Health
Mrs Carrie Wong		Marine Department

## **Absent with apologies**

Mr Fared Ahamad Khan	Member	Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
Captain Umesh Lulla	Member	Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
Ms Emma Chiu	Member	Hong Kong Seamen's Union

The Chariman welcomed all to the meeting and introduced the following new members -

- (a) Dr Raymond Ho who had replaced Dr Edwin Tsui as representative of the Department of Health (DH);
  - (b) Ms Elaine Tsang who attended the meeting on behalf of Mr Michael Marques as representative of the Merchant Navy Officers' Guild - Hong Kong;
  - (c) Mr C H Tso who attended the meeting on behalf of Mr Stephen Li as representative of the Marine Department (MD); and
  - (d) Dr Allen Chan of DH and Mrs Carrie Wong of MD who were in attendance at the meeting.
2. The meeting noted that Mr Fared Ahamad Khan and Captain Umesh Lulla of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce and Ms Emma Chiu of Hong Kong Seamen's Union were unable to attend the meeting.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **I. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 25 March 2015**

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

### **II. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 25 March 2015**

#### **(a) Redevelopment of the Mariners' Club**

4. The meeting noted that there was no significant development regarding the redevelopment project.

5. The Chairman said that quite a number of activities had been held in the Mariners' Club at Tsim Sha Tsui, raising the awareness of its existence.

#### **(b) Hong Kong Maritime Museum**

6. The meeting noted that the Hong Kong Maritime Museum had offered free visits to the museum for the students who had served as volunteer workers in the International Maritime Organization's Day of the Seafarer in June 2015.

**III. Discussion Items**

**(a) Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 (Appendix B)**

7. The meeting noted the following financial position of the Committee for the year ended 31 March 2015 as set out on page 2 of the financial statement which had been circulated to members before the meeting -

	<u>HK\$</u>
Income	369,702
Expenditure	440,200
Deficit	(70,498)
Surplus at the beginning of the year	145,870
Surplus at the end of the year	73,532

Members unanimously endorsed the Committee's account for 2014-15.

**(b) Recommended Donors List and Recommended Potential Donors List for 2015-16 (Appendices C & D)**

8. The Chairman requested members to take a close look at the Recommended Donors List (Appendix C) and the Recommended Potential Donors List (Appendix D) consolidated by the Secretary, both of which had been circulated to members together with the agenda of the meeting.

9. The Chairman invited members to propose amendments or additional entries to the two lists. As the appeal letters for donations in 2015-16 would be issued in November/December 2015, members' comments, if any, should reach the Secretary by mid October 2015.

**(c) Draft Annual Report for 2014-15 (Appendix E)**

10. The Chairman said that a copy of the draft Annual Report for 2014-15 had been sent to members before the meeting. The Annual Report would be sent to the potential donors to appeal for their donations which would mainly be used for supporting the two voluntary agencies, namely the Missions and the Danish Seamen's Church, Hong Kong. Members were invited to let the Secretary have their comments, if any, on the draft report by mid-October.

**IV. Any Other Business**

**(a) Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) 2006**

11. The Chairman remarked that the ratification of MLC 2006 would enhance the welfare of the seafarers. He wished to know the progress of our local legislation relating to MLC 2006. Mr C H Tso of MD undertook to update the Committee after the meeting.

12. In response to the Chairman's enquiry about the Port State Control intervention on foreign ships visiting Hong Kong, Mr Tso advised that MD could not inspect these ships for their compliance with the MLC 2006 requirements at the moment pending the local legislation.

*[Post meeting note: It was noted that Mainland China would adopt the MLC 2006 towards the end of 2015 and that Hong Kong would follow shortly but it would depend on the progress of the legislative work. It was planned that our local legislation would be ready in the first quarter of 2016.]*

**V. Date of Next Meeting**

13. The next meeting of the Committee would possibly be held in March 2016. The Secretary would inform members of the details in due course.

14. There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

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(Mr Timothy Scott Huxley)  
Chairman

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(Mr Jack MF Chan)  
Secretary

23 March 2016