

**Notes of the Port Welfare Committee Meeting**  
**held on 10 April 2001 at 2:30 p.m.**  
**in Conference Room A, Marine Department Headquarters**  
**24th Floor, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong**

**Present**

Mr. CHAO Sze-kwong, George	Chairman	Hong Kong Shipowners' Association
Mr. WONG Woon-yin	Member	Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
Mr. TING Kam-yuen	Member	Hong Kong Seamen's Union
Capt. TSAI Chuck-kin	Member	Merchant Navy Officers' Guild
Dr. C.Y. MOK	Member	Department of Health (ex-officio)
Mr. LEE Kai-leung	Member	Marine Department (ex-officio)
Mr. William YUEN	Secretary	Marine Department (ex-officio)

**Absent with apologies**

Mr. CHANG La-ming, Bill	Member	Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
Mrs. SIU HO Kar-yuk	Member	Labour Department (ex-officio)

**In attendance**

Mrs. Agnes WONG		Marine Department
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## OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed all present and introduced Dr. C.Y. MOK, representing the Director of Health vice Dr. P.L. MA.

## AGENDA ITEMS

### I. Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting

2. The minutes of the last meeting held on 25 September 2000 were confirmed without amendment through circulation in October 2000. The Chairman suggested that the confirmed minutes be signed by him.

### II. Matters arising from minutes of last meeting

#### *Financial position of the Committee*

3. The Chairman briefed members on the financial position of the Committee as at 31.3.2001 as follows :-

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Savings Account	133,802.54
Current Account	8.13
Fixed Deposit Account	<u>169,656.02</u>
Balance :	303,466.69

### III. Donations received by the Committee in 2000/2001

4. The Chairman reported that in response to the Committee's appeal for donations, a total of \$118,033.50 was received from 55 donors in 2000/2001. The list of donors and their donations was circulated to members together with the agenda of the meeting. The amount of donations received was \$5,266.5 less than that in 1999/2000. (In 1999/2000, a total of \$123,300 was received from 64 donors.)

#### **IV. Allocation of grants to agencies**

5. Taking account of the donations received in 2000/2001 and the annual expenditure of the Committee of about \$4,800, the Chairman proposed, and members agreed, granting the same amount of subsidies as in 1999/2000 to the two organizations this year :-

	<u>HK\$</u>
The Sailor's Home & Missions to Seamen & Apostleship of the Sea	90,000
Danish Seamen's Church	9,000
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Total :	99,000

#### **V. Extension of grants to other agencies**

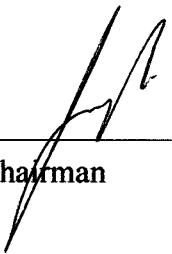
6. The Chairman said that with the Marine Department taking over the accounting work of the Committee and the appointment of Arthur W.C. MO & Co as its honorary auditor, savings in accountancy and audit fees of \$17,800 annually were expected. On the other hand, the donations received in the past four years were fairly stable; in the region of \$110,000 to \$120,000. A summary of income and expenditure for the period 1997/98 to 2000/01 was circulated to members together with the agenda of the meeting. The Chairman opined that with the limited financial resources in hand, unless the Committee could further widen the potential donors' network with a view to securing more donations for the Committee, it would be difficult for the Committee to extend its subsidies to other agencies. While members agreed to the Chairman's views, Mr. WONG Woon-yin suggested that the Committee should issue some sort of pamphlets showing the visiting seafarers around Hong Kong. The Chairman pointed out the need to address issues like manpower requirement, financial resources and means of distributing the pamphlets in taking forward Mr. WONG's proposal. Mr. LEE Kai-leung undertook to discuss the proposal with the chaplain of the Mariners' Club who visited a large number of ships every year and report his findings on the need and recommendations on the way forward at the next meeting.

**VI. Any other business**

7. The Chairman suggested, and members agreed, that future meetings should start at 3:00 p.m.

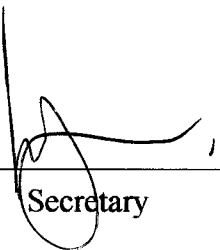
**VII. Date of next meeting**

8. The next meeting will be held in September 2001 after the Annual Account had been finalized and the draft Annual Report prepared. Members will be advised in due course.



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Chairman



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Secretary

Date : 11 September 2001