

Notes of the Port Welfare Committee Meeting
held on 11 September 2001 at 3:00 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. CHANG La-ming, Bill	Member	Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
Capt. HO Kai-hung	Member	Merchant Navy Officers' Guild
Mr. POON Chi-kwok	Member	Hong Kong Seamen' s Union
Dr. P.L. MA	Member	Department of Health (ex-officio)
Mrs. SIU HO Kar-yuk	Member	Labour Department (ex-officio)
Mr. LAI Ying-keung	Member	Marine Department (ex-officio)
Mr. William YUEN	Secretary	Marine Department (ex-officio)

Absent with apologies

Mr. WONG Woon-yin	Member	Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
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In attendance

Mrs. Agnes WONG		Marine Department
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OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting, especially the following persons who had been appointed as PWC members since the last meeting -

Capt. HO Kai-hung	representing Merchant Navy Officers' Guild – HK in replace of Capt. TSAI Chuck-kin
Mr. POON Chi-kwok	representing HK Seamen' s Union in replace of Mr. TING Kam-yuen
Mr. LAI Ying-keung	representing Marine Department, attending meeting on behalf of Mr. SO Ping-chi who has replaced Mr. LEE Kai-leung

AGENDA ITEMS

I. Confirmation of the Notes of the Meeting held on 10 April 2001

2. The notes of the last meeting were confirmed without amendment through circulation in June 2001.

II. Matters arising from Previous Minutes

Extension of grants to other agencies

(Pamphlets showing the visiting seafarers around Hong Kong)

3. While it was found difficult to extend subsidies to other agencies, a proposal was raised at the last meeting for some pamphlets to be printed for seafarers to show them around Hong Kong. Mr. LAI Ying-keung informed the meeting that the chaplain of the Mariners' Club did not consider there was such a need. According to the chaplain, the Mariners' Club had already been distributing such pamphlets produced by the Hong Kong Tourism Board to visiting seafarers. The Chairman told members that the Danish Seamen's

Church had also produced a mini-guide “Step In Step Out”, which provided valuable information about shopping, restaurants, etc in Hong Kong to visiting seafarers. The Chairman concluded, and members agreed, that there was no need for the Committee to duplicate such efforts.

III. Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2001 (Appendix A)

4. Members approved the Committee’s accounts for the year ended 31.3.2001 as shown in the financial statements of the Committee for that financial year which were circulated to members together with the agenda of the meeting on 28.8.2001.

5. The Chairman said that the Committee’s honorary auditor, Authur W.C. MO & Co, had audited the Committee’s accounts for the year ended 31.3.2001, and offered the service completely free of charge (the Committee was charged \$600 for printing expenses last year). He proposed, and members agreed, to record the Committee’s appreciation on the minutes.

IV. Potential donors for 2001/02 (Appendices B & C)

6. The Chairman said that the Secretary had consolidated a list of donors in 2000/01 and a list of potential donors for 2001/02, both of which were circulated to members together with the agenda of the meeting. He asked members to take a close look at the list and to advise the Secretary of any necessary amendments and additions. He remarked that given the difficult financial climate, the Committee would be doing fine if the same level of donations as last year could be maintained.

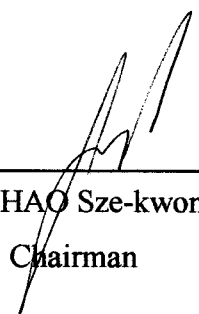
7. Appeal letters for donations in the coming year would be sent out by mid October 2001.

V. Draft Annual Report for 2000/2001 (Appendix D)

8. The Chairman invited comments from members on the draft Annual Report for 2000/2001, a copy of which was sent to members together with the agenda. Members had no comments and accepted the draft without amendment. The Secretary would arrange for printing of the report which would be distributed together with the appeal letters to potential donors in October 2001.

VI. Date of next meeting

9. The next meeting will be held in April 2002. Members will be advised in due course.



(Mr. CHAO Sze-kwong)

Chairman



(CHOW Yan-yan)

Secretary

Date : 24 April 2002