# Notes of the Port Welfare Committee Meeting held on 12 August 1998 at 2:30 p.m. in Conference Room A, Marine Department HQs 24<sup>th</sup> Floor, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

#### **Present**

Mr. George CHAO	Chairman	Hong Kong Shipowners' Association
Mr. Bill CHANG	Member	Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
Mr. WONG Woon-yin	Member	Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
Capt. TSAI Chuck-kin	Member	Merchant Navy Officers' Guild
Mr. TING Kam-yuen	Member	Hong Kong Seamen's Union
Miss Bertha CHENG	Member	Labour Department (ex-officio)
Dr. N. WAI	Member	Department of Health (ex-officio)
Mr. M.J. Wareham	Member	Marine Department (ex-officio)
Mrs. Sophia WONG	Secretary	Marine Department (ex-officio)

### In attendance

Mr. Victor CHAN Marine Department

The Chairman welcomed all present and introduced the new member, Mr. TING Kam-yuen, representing the Hong Kong Seamen's Union, to the Port Welfare Committee.

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

2. The minutes of the last meeting held on 5 March 1998 were confirmed through circulation in April 1998.

#### III. Matters Arising

- (i) Increase of Accountancy Fee
- 3. The Chairman informed members that, in response to the Committee's proposal, the Price Waterhouse agreed that the monthly accountancy fee would be set at \$950 (an increase of 5.6%) instead of \$1,000.

### (ii) Functions of the Committee

4. The Chairman said that, in response to the Committee's appeal for donations, a total of \$125,200 was received from 58 donors in 1997/98 and that a subsidy of \$88,000 was approved by members at the last meeting to the Sailor's Home and Missions to Seamen & Apostleship of the Sea and the Danish Seamen's Church. After this meeting, appeal letters for donations in 1998/99 would be prepared and sent

out within a few weeks. The list of potential donors were tabled for members' reference and they were welcome to advise the Secretariat of any necessary amendments and additional potential donors before the end of August 1998.

### (iii) Redevelopment of the Mariners' Club

5. From the report by the Missions to Seamen & Apostleship of the Sea, the Chairman noted that the redevelopment of the Mariners' Club would still go ahead but there were delays due to the uncertainties of the property market and the proposed construction of a new KCR station in front of the Club. Mr. M. J. Wareham supplemented that a consultancy study was being conducted on the proposed KCR station and the details had yet to be confirmed. The Chairman undertook to check progress and inform members of the development.

#### IV. Accounts for the year ended 31 March 1998

6. The Chairman referred members to the financial position of the Committee for 1997/98 as provided by Price Waterhouse. The meeting noted and approved the Committee's accounts for the year ended 31.3.98. In addition, members endorsed the payment of the audit fee for 1997/98 at an amount of \$6,080.00.

## V. <u>Draft Annual Report for 1997/98</u>

7. The Chairman invited comments from members on the draft Annual report for 1997/98, a copy of which was sent to members together with the agenda. With members' agreement, the Secretary would arrange printing of the finalised report which would be distributed together with the appeal letters to the potential donors of the Committee.

#### VI. <u>Date of Next Meeting</u>

8. The next meeting will be held in March 1999. Members would be advised separately.