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Singapore Retains Position as World's Leading Maritime City in 2026

Singapore has retained its position as the world's leading maritime city in the 2026 Leading Maritime Cities (LMC) report by DNV and Menon Economics for the seventh consecutive edition. Singapore also maintained its leading position in three of the five pillars [1] assessed in the report — Shipping, Ports and Logistics, and Attractiveness and Competitiveness.

2. The LMC report benchmarks leading maritime cities based on objective indicators, including shipping activity, port performance and maritime business services, as well as assessments by maritime industry experts worldwide.

3. Home to over 200 international shipping groups and a wide range of maritime service providers, Singapore's continued recognition as a leading maritime city reflects the strength of its maritime ecosystem, which brings together global connectivity, port and logistics capabilities, maritime services, talent and innovation. These complementary strengths provide maritime companies with access to markets, business opportunities and specialised expertise, making Singapore an attractive location for companies to establish their presence and grow their businesses.

4. This ecosystem is supported by Singapore's position as one of the world's busiest ports, connected to more than 600 ports worldwide. In 2025, the Port of Singapore handled a record 44.66 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) in container throughput and 3.22 billion gross tonnage in vessel arrivals. Singapore also remained the world's largest bunkering port, with marine fuel sales reaching a record 56.77 million tonnes. Continued investments in port automation, maritime digitalisation, innovation and the adoption of alternative marine fuels further strengthen the ecosystem and create new opportunities for maritime businesses.

5. Mr Ang Wee Keong, Chief Executive of the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA), said, "Singapore's strength as a maritime city lies in how our port, connectivity, maritime services, and talent come together to support businesses.

[1] The five pillars are Shipping, Maritime Finance and Law, Maritime Technology, Ports and Logistics, and Attractiveness and Competitiveness.

Companies choose Singapore not only for these capabilities, but also for the opportunities to connect with partners, develop new solutions, and grow their businesses. This recognition reflects the collective efforts of our government agencies, unions, and industry partners, who have worked closely with MPA over the years to build and strengthen this vibrant ecosystem."

6. For more information on the 2026 Leading Maritime Cities report, please visit https://menon.no/en/projects/the-leading-maritime-cities-of-the-world-2026.

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About the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)

MPA was established in 1996 with the mission to develop Singapore as a global hub port and international maritime centre, and to advance and safeguard Singapore's strategic maritime interests. MPA takes on multiple roles as Singapore's maritime and port regulator and planner, international maritime centre champion, national maritime representative, and champion of maritime digitalisation and decarbonisation efforts. MPA partners industry, research community and other agencies to enhance safety, security and environmental protection, facilitate maritime and port operations and growth, expand multi-domain capabilities, and support the cluster of maritime services and manpower development.

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