



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore Renews Partnership with Shanghai Maritime University to Strengthen Maritime Development**

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) and Shanghai Maritime University (SMU) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to deepen cooperation in maritime talent development and knowledge exchange. The MOU was signed by Mr Ang Wee Keong, Chief Executive of MPA, and Professor Chu Beiping, President of SMU.

2. Started in 2020, this partnership supports exchanges of students and maritime professionals and facilitates participation in high-level seminars and knowledge sharing platforms. These efforts provide valuable opportunities for participants to gain insights into development in maritime safety, digitalisation and decarbonisation in both countries.

3. Since 2023, MPA and SMU have enhanced collaboration through mutual participation in maritime leadership programmes, and by contributing expert speakers to high-level forums that help shape maritime policy across China and ASEAN.

#### **Reaffirming Partnership**

4. Under the MOU, both parties will continue to facilitate information sharing and exchanges between academia and maritime professionals. This includes study visits, learning journeys, and joint training programmes across areas such as maritime safety and security, maritime energy, port management, navigational technologies, and marine environmental management.

5. Mr Ang Wee Keong, Chief Executive, MPA, said, “This MOU signifies the value of this partnership with Shanghai Maritime University. As a leading knowledge partner, Shanghai Maritime University offers deep expertise in many areas such as maritime safety, digitalisation and decarbonisation. Our collaboration allows both sides to learn from each other’s experience and strengthens our capabilities in these areas.

6. Mr Beiping Chu, President of Shanghai Maritime University, said, “The continued partnership between Shanghai Maritime University and MPA fully reflects our shared commitment to advancing maritime education and international exchange. Against the major transformations facing the global maritime industry, including digitalisation and green low-carbon development, deepening international academic and professional exchanges is particularly important. We look forward to expanding our collaboration in key maritime areas such as maritime safety and security, maritime energy, port management, navigational

technologies, and marine environmental management through the MOU, creating more opportunities for mutual learning between maritime professionals and students of both countries.”

7. Please refer to the Annex for areas of cooperation under the MOU.

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## **Annex**

### **Areas of Cooperation between Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore and Shanghai Maritime University**

- a) Exchange of academia and professionals, including participation in events, seminars and knowledge-sharing platforms.
- b) Academic information exchange on areas of mutual interest.
- c) Maritime professional or student study visits and exchanges in Singapore and Shanghai, where applicable.
- d) Joint training programmes and collaboration in maritime capability development.

## **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.

For more information, please visit <http://www.mpa.gov.sg>.

## **About the Shanghai Maritime University (SMU)**

Founded in 1909, SMU is a multi-disciplinary university that encompasses such areas as engineering, management, economics, law, liberal arts, and science, while featuring in shipping, logistics and ocean. The University has over 25,500 full-time students, of whom about 16,000 are undergraduates and over 6,000 are postgraduate students. At present the University runs 3 post-doctoral research stations; 17 doctoral programs; 63 master's degree programs, 49 bachelor's degree programs, and 13 associate degree programs. SMU owns a 48-thousand-ton Yangtze handymax bulk carrier for teaching and internship training ship, named Yuming. Currently, the University has established close ties with over 100 overseas universities, cooperating in such areas as faculty and students exchange, joint research and education. Graduated students are employed in shipping companies, port enterprises and government institutions. Deservedly, SMU has been honoured as a "cradle of international shipping specialists". Since 2017, it has been the host institute of the Maritime Technology Cooperation Centre in Asia (MTCC Asia) which is a part of IMO's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from shipping through capacity building and technology transfer.

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