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MPA and DNV Renew Partnership to Advance a Smart, Sustainable, and Future-Ready Maritime Sector

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) and DNV have renewed their Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen collaboration in maritime sustainability, digitalisation, innovation, and talent development.

2. The MoU was signed by Mr Chin Yi Zhuan, Deputy Chief Executive (Industry & Corporate), MPA, and Ms Cristina Saenz de Santa Maria, Chief Operating Officer, DNV Maritime, during the Singapore Norway Innovation Conference 2025. Building on earlier partnerships established in 2019 and 2022, the renewed MoU reaffirms both parties' commitment to advance the maritime and port sectors in Singapore.

3. Under the agreement, MPA and DNV will jointly drive research and development, innovation, and test-bedding projects such as the joint industry collaborations for remote vessel operations with the local maritime community, as well as tertiary and research institutions. The partnership aims to accelerate the adoption of zero- and near-zero-emission fuels, promote decarbonisation technologies, and advance smart-ship systems.

4. Both organisations will also collaborate on industry training and talent development through initiatives such as the Maritime Innovation Committee, PIER71, and Smart Port Challenge, to nurture Singapore's next generation of maritime professionals.

5. Mr Ang Wee Keong, Chief Executive, MPA, said: "The renewal of this MoU underscores the shared commitment of MPA and DNV to co-create solutions that will shape the future of shipping. By combining our regulatory and industry development experience with DNV's global technical expertise, we can accelerate innovation in smart and sustainable shipping, advance the use of low- and zero-carbon fuels, and strengthen talent and knowledge exchange across the maritime ecosystem. Together, we aim to build a more connected, capable, and future-ready maritime sector."

6. Knut Ørbeck-Nilssen, CEO Maritime at DNV, commented: “By strengthening our collaboration with MPA through this MOU, we aim to accelerate the development and adoption of green and digital maritime solutions, while nurturing the next generation of maritime professionals. These joint efforts will help to further position Singapore as a centre of excellence for maritime research and innovation, supported by the MPA's proactive and strategic vision and DNV's technical and digital capabilities.”

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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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