

SINGAPORE AS A LEADING INTERNATIONAL MARITIME CENTRE

You will learn:

Singapore's role as a leading maritime nation

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WHAT ROLE DOES SINGAPORE PLAY INTERNATIONALLY, FOR MARITIME ACTIVITIES AND ISSUES?

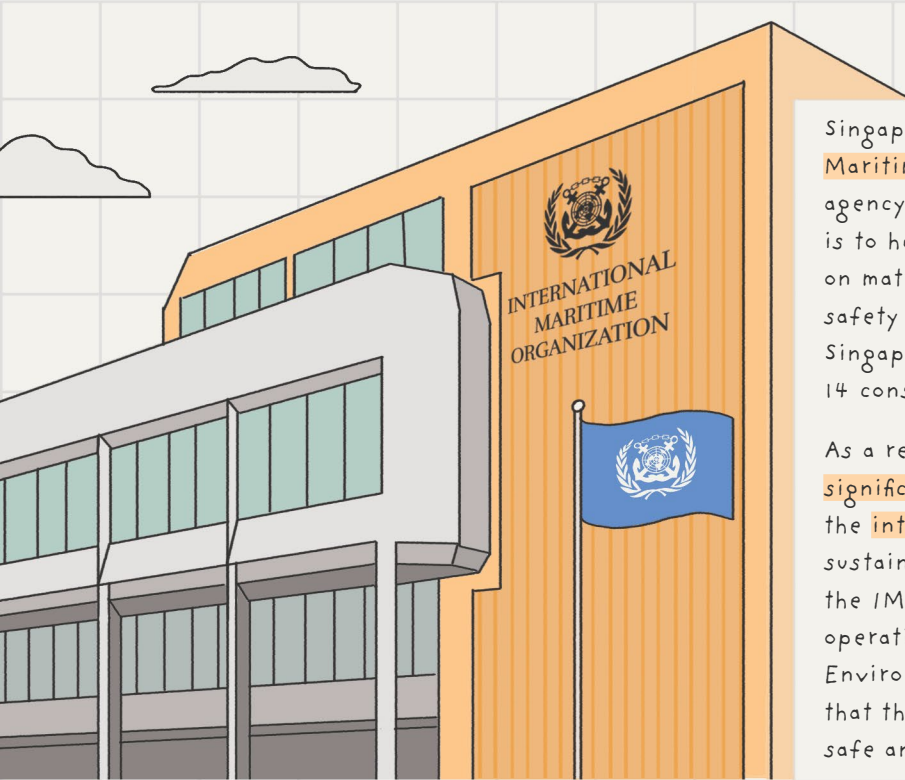
We have previously learnt how **globalisation connects us to the rest of the world**, and how Singapore has developed into a premier Global Hub Port over the years.

Maintaining the growth of the port is very important because the maritime industry contributes to a large part of the Singapore economy. In addition, Singapore's wide and far-reaching global connections also make her an **ideal connecting hub** for businesses, helping them connect to Asia and the rest of the world.

Singapore's strategic location, long trading history and strong connections to Asia and Asian markets make her the preferred place for maritime companies and businesses to expand and grow. As a top transshipment hub, Singapore is also a **leading International Maritime Centre (IMC)**, attracting many international shipping companies who, in turn, bring in other international maritime companies to provide maritime services such as shipping finance, maritime insurance and maritime law, creating a vibrant environment for maritime activities to take place.

Globally, Singapore as a leading maritime nation continues to play an important role in contributing to the international maritime community.





Singapore serves on the **Council of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)**, which is the shipping agency of the United Nations. The aim of the IMO is to help governments across the world cooperate on matters such as international shipping, maritime safety and prevention of shipping pollution, and Singapore has been elected on the IMO Council for 14 consecutive terms since 1993.

As a representative, Singapore has **made many significant contributions** to promote the efforts of the **international maritime community** in safe and sustainable shipping. These include working with the IMO, Indonesia and Malaysia to create the Co-operative Mechanism on Safety of Navigation and Environmental Protection, which helps make sure that the Straits of Malacca and Singapore remain safe and open for international shipping.

Singapore has evolved and grown from a trading post in the past, into the premier Global Hub Port and leading International Maritime Centre that it is today. Throughout the years, Maritime Singapore has been important in **sustaining Singapore's development and success**, and will continue to be an important basis for Singapore's economic growth and strategy for the future.



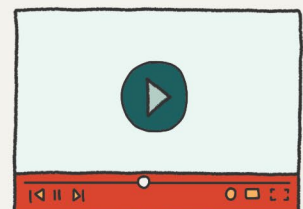
THINK ABOUT THIS:

What would happen if Singapore did not have so many global connections to the world? How would that affect Singapore's growth and development?

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INTERESTING VIDEOS YOU CAN CHECK OUT ON THE INTERNET:

- [MPA Singapore - The Driving Force Behind Maritime Singapore](#)
- [National Maritime Transport Policy - A Closer Look](#)
- [Behind the scenes: the making of IMO meetings](#)
- [Tackling COVID-19 - a voyage together](#)



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Imagine you are representing Singapore at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) meeting, what are some maritime issues you would like to discuss with the other representatives?



Here are some useful articles you can start with first, to find out more about Maritime Singapore and the IMO:

- 1 [Singapore tops index as key global shipping hub for 7th straight year](#)
- 2 [Singapore is top maritime centre for 6th straight year](#)
- 3 [Singapore re-elected to International Maritime Organisation council](#)
- 4 [Secretary-General of International Maritime Organization visits Singapore](#)
- 5 [Singapore Maritime Week 2018: Singapore pledges US\\$5m for International Maritime Organization](#)
- 6 [Introduction to International Maritime Organization \(IMO\)](#)
- 7 [IMO Matters](#)

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What has this activity shown you about the importance of international relations and the representation of Singapore on the global stage?