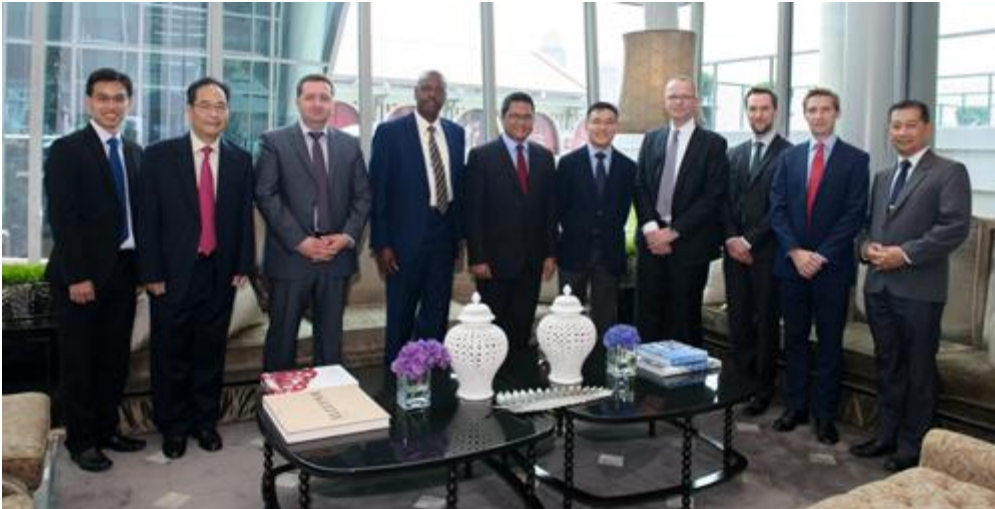


## 1<sup>st</sup> Maritime Public Leaders' Programme (MPLP) Alumni Gathering

The first Maritime Public Leaders' Programme (MPLP) Alumni Gathering was successfully organised by the Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) on 8-10 April 2014. This was held in conjunction with the Singapore Maritime Week (SMW) 2014, which is an annual event driven by MPA and features key maritime events organised by MPA, as well as local and international maritime players.



*From left: Mr Shaun Tan; Capt Khong Shen Ping; Capt Mamuka Akhaladze; Mr David Robin; Atty. Nicasio A. Conti; Mr Andrew Tan; Mr Andreas Nordseth; Mr Michael Ssted; Mr Tim Wilkins; and Mr Tan Suan Jow.*

On 8 April 2014, the alumni members attended the Sustainable Marine Transportation Conference 2014, which was jointly organised by MPA and the Royal Norwegian Embassy/Innovation Norway, with support from the Singapore Maritime Institute, Research Council of Norway and Norwegian Business Association of Singapore.



*MPA's Assistant Chief Executive of Operations, Capt Segar, speaking at the Sustainable Marine Transportation Conference 2014*

The conference, based on the theme of "Green Shipping and Ports", was one of the key events of the SMW 2014. The conference provided a platform for maritime leaders and experts to identify existing industry challenges and explore potential research and development opportunities. The sessions covered the development of ports and ships of the future, as well as maritime operations and electronic navigation.



*Overseas MPLP Alumni - Capt Mamuka Akhaladze of Georgia (left) and Mr David Robin of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (right) participating actively in the discussions*

Another highlight of the programme was the Singapore Maritime Lecture, an anchor event of the SMW on 9 April 2014. The Singapore Maritime Lecture provides an opportunity for participants to listen to views and engage in dialogue with notable personalities on maritime matters. This year, the Singapore Maritime Lecture was delivered by Mr Jacques de Chateauvieux, Chairman of BOURBON, Chairman & CEO of JACCAR Holdings, who flew in specially to deliver the lecture on the topic of "Can we create value in shipping? Why or why not?" His candid views resounded well with the audience.



*The 8<sup>th</sup> Singapore Maritime Lecture conducted by Mr Jacques de Chateauvieux, Chairman of BOURBON, Chairman & CEO of JACCAR Holdings (right) with the moderator, Mr Geir Sjurseth, Managing Director, DVB Group Merchant Bank (Asia) Ltd.*

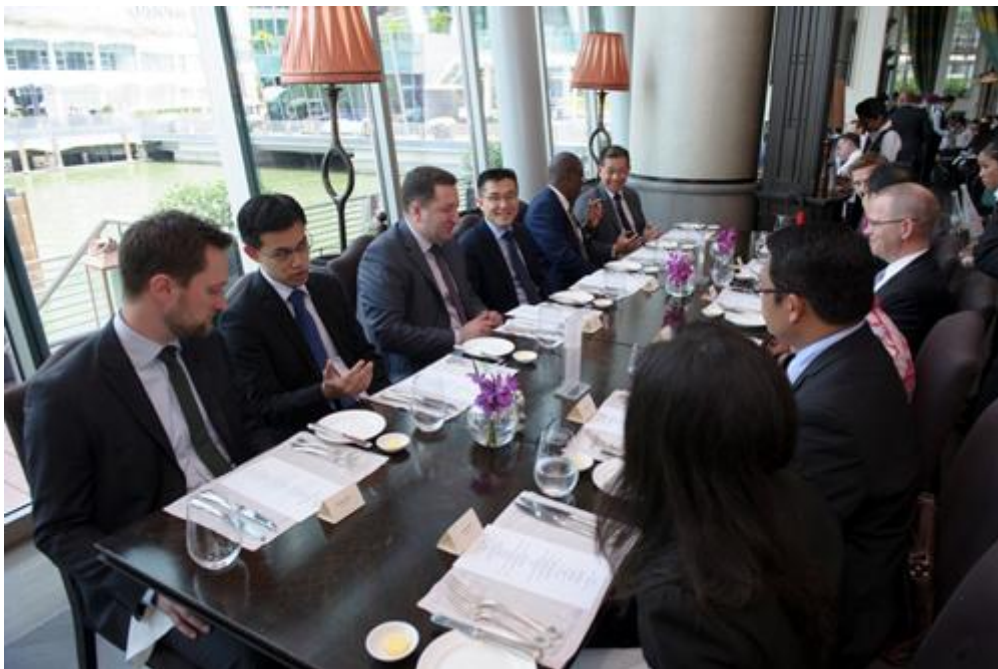
Besides the Sustainable Marine Transportation Conference and the Singapore Maritime Lecture, participants were also hosted to a welcome dinner and a lunch. For the welcome dinner featuring Chinese cuisine, the alumni members shared valuable insights on maritime affairs amidst much laughter and light-hearted conversation.





*MPA Academy Dean, Capt Khong Shen Ping, giving a tour of the Clifford Pier before the lunch*

On the final day (10 April 2014) of the gathering, the MPLP alumni members were hosted to lunch by MPA's Chief Executive, Mr Andrew Tan, at the Clifford Pier. Prior to lunch, the alumni members were given an insightful tour of the Clifford Pier by Capt Khong Shen Ping, MPA Academy Dean. Capt Khong oversaw the operations at Clifford Pier during his tenure as Director (Shipping) of MPA. Built in 1933, Clifford Pier was a landing point for immigrants and other sea passengers arriving in Singapore. Though Clifford Pier ceased operations in 2006, it remains an important piece of Singapore's maritime heritage and has been conserved.



*Lunch hosted by MPA's Chief Executive, Mr Andrew Tan*

The MPLP Alumni Gathering provided the MPLP alumni with an opportunity to reminisce with their course mates and also to network with alumni from different runs of the MPLP. The SMW events were also invaluable opportunities to discuss issues and developments in the maritime industry, as well as to network with maritime administration and maritime industry representatives.



*Group photo in front of the iconic Marina Bay Sands*

The attendees of the 2014 MPLP alumni gathering were as follows:

- (i) **Capt Mamuka Akhaladze** (3<sup>rd</sup> MPLP) Director, Maritime Transport Agency of Georgia, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia
- (ii) **Mr David Robin** (3<sup>rd</sup> MPLP)  
Director for Maritime Administration, Department of Maritime Administration, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- (iii) **Mr Tim Wilkins** (3<sup>rd</sup> MPLP)  
Regional Manager Asia Pacific, INTERTANKO
- (iv) **Mr Nicholas Teo** (3<sup>rd</sup> MPLP)  
Deputy Director, Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia Information Sharing Centre (ReCAAP ISC)
- (v) **Mr Tan Suan Jow** (3<sup>rd</sup> MPLP)  
Director, Shipping Division, MPA, Singapore
- (vi) **Ms Angela Png** (2<sup>nd</sup> MPLP)  
Director, International Division, MPA, Singapore
- (vii) **Atty. Nicasio A. Conti** (Inaugural MPLP)  
Deputy Administrator for Planning, Maritime Industry Authority, Philippines
- (viii) **Mr Shaun Goh** (Inaugural MPLP)  
Director, Sea Division, Ministry of Transport, Singapore
- (ix) **Dr Jasmine Lam**  
Assistant Professor/Director for MSc Maritime Studies Program, Nanyang Technological University