

## ***MPA Academy introduces Inaugural Advanced Maritime Leadership Programme***

MPA academy, the training arm of MPA, recently delivered the inaugural run of the Advanced Maritime Leaders Programme (AMLP) from 16 to 20 April 2015. Held in conjunction with the 10<sup>th</sup> Singapore Maritime Week (SMW), the AMLP was attended by 13 senior maritime leaders from Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Europe, Middle East and Oceania.



*Opening Ceremony of the Inaugural AMLP*

Organised in partnership with the Singapore Management University (SMU), Human Capital Leadership Institute and training and consultancy agency Strategic Moves, the AMLP is the first global leadership programme that focuses on leadership development, uniquely designed for senior maritime officials and their deputies heading maritime and port administrations in their respective countries.

The maritime industry is currently facing significant opportunities and challenges arising from evolving global trade patterns, technological advancement and growing concerns on sustainability issues. Amidst this backdrop, the AMLP aims to help equip senior maritime officials with the skills and knowledge to effectively lead and transform their organisations in an increasingly complex and globalised environment.



*Panel discussion with maritime Leaders (from left: Professor Annie Koh, Mr Choo Chiau Beng, Mr Patrick Phoon, Mr Jakob Bergholdt and Ms Tan Beng Tee)*

The five-day programme includes peer-to-peer sharing and learning, panel discussions, case studies and crisis communications exercises with a focus on transformational leadership. The AMLP also offers real and practical insights, with prominent industry leaders sharing their thoughts on leadership as well as global challenges and trends in the maritime sector.



*AMLP participants with Guest-of-Honour Minister for Transport Mr Lui Tuck Yew at the launch of the 10<sup>th</sup> Singapore Maritime Week*

As an important programme of SMW 2015, AMLP participants also had the opportunity to attend other key SMW events such as Sea Asia 2015, 9th Singapore Maritime Lecture, and networking events with maritime industry leaders.

"The Inaugural Advanced Maritime Leaders Programme is richly packed with gems of wisdom and insight, imparted by eminent shipping practitioners, drawing from their own personal industry experience. I am honoured and privileged to be part of this life changing programme. Thank you MPA for developing what is a very helpful and practical training experience"

- Mrs Nancy Karigithu, Director General, Kenya Maritime Authority

"Inaugural Advance Maritime Leaders Programme, I think, is a unique programme with respect to its structure, composition and deliverables. The composition of participants from different regions and fields in the sector brought wealth of knowledge, experience and culture to the programme. Indeed the difference in views and approaches to certain

maritime issue has enlarged the benefit and broadened the knowledge of all participants. I strongly believe this programme is among the most important and high standard programme I ever attended. I am very grateful for MPA for bringing maritime leaders together and for excellently organising this wonderful programme.”

- His Excellency Hassan Ali Al Majed, Undersecretary, Ports and Maritime Affairs, Ministry of Transportation and Communications, Bahrain

### ***About the MPA Academy***

As the training arm of MPA, the MPA Academy was repositioned in 2014 to be a full-fledged academy with a dedicated premise with a focus on global maritime leadership training. The academy’s vision is to be a global learning centre for maritime and port administration. The academy’s mission is to enhance the specialist skills and knowledge of MPA officers and to conduct flagship training programmes for overseas port and maritime officials, including supporting the training needs of the IMO as a Council member.