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MPA and Dalian Maritime University Renew Partnership to Strengthen Maritime Talent Development and Academic Exchange

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) and Dalian Maritime University (DMU)¹ have renewed their Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to enhance talent development and academic exchange between Singapore and China in the maritime sector.

2 The MOU renewal was signed by MPA Chief Executive, Mr Teo Eng Dih, and Professor Shan Hongjun, President of DMU. This renewal builds on the successful collaboration established since 2021, and further strengthens talent development and knowledge exchange between both maritime ecosystems.

3 As part of the MOU, MPA and DMU will continue to engage in faculty exchanges, study visits and student exchanges in Singapore and Dalian, and joint maritime training and research programmes. Trainers from MPA, including subject matter experts and adjunct trainers, will contribute to courses, events and knowledge sharing. The collaboration will focus on digitalisation and decarbonisation, covering areas such as clean energy and sustainable practices in the maritime sector, digital transformation of maritime operations, environmental management, maritime safety, navigational technologies, and port management and smart technologies.

4 DMU is home to world-class facilities, including two ocean-going training vessels and state-of-the-art research centre. A leader in autonomous ship technology and innovation in smart and sustainable shipping, the university has recently launched its 3rd ocean-going new generation autonomous training vessel.

5 Mr Teo Eng Dih, Chief Executive, MPA, said, "The renewal of this MOU reflects the strong partnership between MPA and DMU. As the maritime industry evolves, our collaboration in maritime education and training is more crucial than ever in preparing the next generation of maritime professionals. This agreement will enhance maritime talent development and knowledge sharing between Singapore and China, fostering innovation and sustainability in the maritime sector."

¹ *Dalian Maritime University (DMU), established in 1909 and located in Liaoning Province, stands as China's premier maritime institution and the only university directly under the Ministry of Transport. With its distinctive focus on maritime education, DMU offers 54 undergraduate programmes across eight major disciplines.*

6 Professor Shan Hongjun, President of DMU, said, “Basing on the strong foundation of mutual trust built by our previous successful collaborations, we are glad to renew the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The successful renewed partnership will reaffirm our shared commitment to fostering continued collaboration, which I am sure will significantly contribute to the mutual development and the friendship.”

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About the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)

MPA was established on 2 February 1996 with the mission to develop Singapore as a premier global hub port and international maritime centre, and to advance and safeguard Singapore's strategic maritime interests. MPA is the driving force behind Singapore's maritime and port development, taking on the roles of maritime and port regulator and planner, international maritime centre champion, national maritime representative, and a champion of digitalisation and decarbonisation efforts at regional and international fora such as at the International Maritime Organization and the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation. 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 ancillary services and manpower development. MPA is responsible for the overall development and growth of the maritime multi-domain and the Port of Singapore.

For more information, please visit www.mpa.gov.sg/

About Dalian Maritime University (DMU)

Founded in 1909, DMU is the key maritime institution under the Ministry of Transport, People's Republic of China. It is also one of the key universities in the national "Project 211" and first-class disciplines. DMU is regarded as "the Cradle of Navigators" and enjoys a high reputation internationally as an excellent center of maritime education and training as recognized by the International Maritime Organization. DMU has an international vision regarding academic cooperation and exchange. Up to present, DMU has established cooperative relations with 179 institutions in 47 countries and regions.

For more information, please visit <http://www.dlmu.edu.cn/>

About Singapore Maritime Week 2025

SMW is an annual gathering of the international maritime community to advance key industry issues and exchange ideas to bring the sector forward. Driven by MPA, in collaboration with industry stakeholders and research and educational institutions, SMW brings together key opinion leaders and industry leaders through conferences, dialogues and forums.

The range of activities and events organised by MPA, industry stakeholders and research and educational institutions, as well as the cosmopolitan profile of participants, reflect the vibrancy and diversity of Singapore as a global hub port and leading international maritime centre.

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