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MPA and ICS Singapore Sign MOU to Strengthen Training and Development

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) and the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (ICS) Singapore Branch have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to enhance cooperation in maritime education, professional development, and industry outreach.

2. The MOU was signed by Mr. Teo Eng Dih, Chief Executive of MPA, and Ms. Elaine Yu, Chairperson of ICS Singapore, in conjunction with ICS Singapore's inaugural Annual Conference, held as part of Singapore Maritime Week 2025.

3. Under this partnership, MPA and ICS Singapore will work together to promote professional training and certification for maritime professionals, support capacity-building initiatives, and foster greater knowledge-sharing within Singapore's shipping community. The collaboration will also drive outreach efforts to attract and nurture young talent in the maritime sector. ICS, which is currently the only internationally recognised professional body in the commercial maritime arena, sets and examines the Professional Qualifying Examinations (PQEs). The PQE is a flexible and modular programme aimed at equipping maritime professionals with deep knowledge and understanding of the diverse facets of the industry.

4. Mr. Teo Eng Dih, Chief Executive, MPA, said, "The Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers is an important stakeholder in the maritime industry, championing high standards of professionalism in the maritime industry through emphasis on training and development. These are aligned to MPA's strategic objectives. MPA is pleased to strengthen our collaboration with ICS Singapore Branch, and we look forward to working together towards driving Singapore's growth as a key maritime training hub in Asia."

5. Ms. Elaine Yu, Chairperson, ICS Singapore, said, "ICS Singapore is honoured to partner with MPA in advancing professional development in the shipping industry. This MoU represents a shared vision to elevate industry standards and create new opportunities for maritime professionals."

6. The Conference was well-attended by more than 100 delegates, including Mr. Punit Oza, Global President of ICS, Capt. Saunak Rai, Vice Chairman of ICS Singapore, Capt. Subhangshu Dutt, Ex. Chairman and Executive Committee Member ICS Singapore, and other distinguished guests from the maritime industry

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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 ICS Singapore

The Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (ICS) Singapore Branch is a professional body representing shipbrokers, ship managers, and other maritime professionals, dedicated to setting high industry standards through education and certification.

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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