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Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore and Shanghai Maritime University Extends Cooperation to Support Talent, Professional and Academic Exchange

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) extension with the Shanghai Maritime University (SMU) today to support talent, professional and academic exchange between Singapore and China in the maritime sector.

2. The MoU extension was signed at the 4th Singapore-Shanghai Comprehensive Cooperation Council (SSCCC) by Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate & Strategy) of MPA, Mr Tan Hoe Soon, and Vice President of SMU, Mr Li Zhipeng. The MoU signing was witnessed by co-chairs of SSSCC, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth & Second Minister for Law, Mr Edwin Tong, and Mayor of Shanghai, Mr Gong Zheng, as well as vice co-chairs Minister of State for Culture, Community and Youth & Trade and Industry, Ms Low Yen Ling, and Vice-Mayor of Shanghai, Mr Hua Yuan.

3. First signed in 2020, the extension of this MoU reaffirms MPA's and SMU's commitment to continue the collaboration to further deepen the talent and knowledge exchanges between Singapore's and China's maritime ecosystems. Under the MoU, MPA and SMU will cooperate in the areas such as information exchange, exchange of academia and professionals, student study visits, and training programmes. The MoU will cover key maritime areas including maritime safety and security, maritime energy, port management, navigational technologies, as well as marine, maritime and environmental management.

4. Mr Teo Eng Dih, Chief Executive, MPA, said, "The extension of the MoU reaffirms the strong and comprehensive partnership that MPA has with the Shanghai Maritime University in enhancing the exchange of ideas, expertise and the application of academic and research insights to help support the global maritime transformation, including in areas of digitalisation and decarbonisation."

5. Mr Lu Jing, President of SMU said, "It comes ever more important to work closely with stakeholders when encountering mega trends of the maritime shipping sector. Under the renewed MoU, SMU will surely deepen cooperation with MPA and the wider community in Singapore to support sustainable maritime development through, among others, talent cultivation, knowledge sharing and academic exchanges."

6. Please refer to the Annex for the areas of cooperation in the MoU.

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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 port and maritime development, taking on the roles of port authority, 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. MPA partners industry, research community and other agencies to enhance safety, security and environmental protection in our waters, facilitate maritime and port operations and growth, expand the cluster of maritime ancillary services, and develops maritime digitalisation and decarbonisation policies and plans, R&D and manpower development. MPA is responsible for the overall development and growth of the maritime domain and Port of Singapore. In 2022, Singapore remained one of the world's busiest transshipment hubs with a container throughput of 37.3 million 20-foot equivalent units (TEUs).

For more information, please visit <https://www.mpa.gov.sg>

About the Shanghai Maritime University (SMU)

Founded in 1909, SMU is a multi-disciplinary university that encompasses such areas as engineering, management, economics, law, liberal arts, and science, while featuring in shipping, logistics and ocean. The University has over 25,500 full-time students, of whom about 16,000 are undergraduates and over 6,000 are postgraduate students. At present the University runs 3 post-doctoral research stations; 17 doctoral programs; 63 master's degree programs, 49 bachelor's degree programs, and 13 associate degree programs. SMU owns a 48-thousand-ton Yangtze handymax bulk carrier for teaching and internship training ship, named Yuming. Currently, the University has established close ties with over 100 overseas universities, cooperating in such areas as faculty and students exchange, joint research and education. Graduated students are employed in shipping companies, port enterprises and government institutions. Deservedly, SMU has been honoured as a "cradle of international shipping specialists". Since 2017, it has been the host institute of the Maritime Technology Cooperation Centre in Asia (MTCC Asia) which is a part of IMO's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from shipping through capacity building and technology transfer.

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Annex A: Areas of Cooperation between Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore and Shanghai Maritime University

- a. **Faculty exchange and event participation.** The trainers from MPA and lecturers from SMU may be invited to deliver lectures in SMU and MPA respectively. MPA and SMU will also consider active participation in each other's events, including sponsorship of each other's speakers.
- b. **Academic Information Exchange.** MPA and SMU may exchange information in fields that are of relevance to both Parties.
- c. **Field Studies.** MPA and SMU may host student study visits/exchanges in Singapore and Shanghai respectively for students from Singapore's institutes of higher learning and SMU students and Shanghai Maritime University Alumni Club (Singapore).
- d. **Joint SMU-MPA training programmes.** SMU and MPA may jointly organise training programmes in mutually agreed maritime related topics-to support capacity building of both organisations.