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Singapore and Vietnam Maritime Authorities Strengthen Ties Under Memorandum of Understanding on Maritime and Port Cooperation

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) and the Vietnam Maritime Administration (Vinamarine) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) today to enhance maritime and port cooperation between Singapore and Vietnam. The exchange of the MoU was witnessed by Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and Vietnam Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh at The Istana, in conjunction with Prime Minister Chinh's visit to Singapore.

2. Under this MoU, MPA and Vinamarine will explore collaboration and exchange views on areas including maritime digitalisation, port state control inspection, maritime training of personnel, and green shipping initiatives, to promote safe, secure, clean and efficient shipping.

3. Mr Teo Eng Dih, Chief Executive of MPA, said, "The MoU is testament to the commitment between Singapore and Vietnam to address common challenges, exchange of experiences and to co-develop practical solutions towards more efficient and sustainable shipping. I look forward to working with the Vinamarine team to achieve our shared objectives."

4. Mr Nguyen Dinh Viet, Acting Administrator of Vinamarine, said, "The signing of this cooperation document further strengthens the cooperation relationship between the two maritime authorities of Vietnam and Singapore. I look forward to further cooperation between Vinamarine and MPA, for the sake of companionship and development."

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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 and national maritime representative. MPA partners with 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 promote maritime digitalisation and decarbonisation, 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 www.mpa.gov.sg

About Vietnam Maritime Administration (VINAMARINE)

Viet Nam Maritime Administration (VINAMARINE), established on 29 June 1992, is an agency directly under the Ministry of Transport, performing the function of advising and assisting the Minister of Transport in state management and organization of specialized maritime law enforcement nationwide. VINAMARINE performs the function of state management over the main fields as the management of seaports, inland ports, coastal information systems, navigational channels, maritime signalling systems, water zones, water areas, facilities for ship repair, demolition and building; and the management of ships, crew members, pilots and other maritime human resources. VINAMARINE manages and performs the advisory function in the field of shipping and maritime services, as well as ensuring maritime safety and security. VINAMARINE is responsible for the overall development and growth of the maritime domain and port, environmental protection in maritime activities of Viet Nam. In 2022, the volume of container cargo through the seaport is estimated at 25.09 million TEUs, an increase of 5% compared to 2021, of which the volume of import and export goods for international transport of Vietnam's shipping fleet increases by 10%. (about 1.29 million tons) compared to 2021. Vietnam's shipping fleet aims to expand international transport routes, becoming the gateway for maritime traffic in Southeast Asia.

For more information, please visit <https://vinamarine.gov.vn/>

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