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The Maritime Technologies Forum (MTF) Expands Global Leadership with the Addition of the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore has joined as an associate member, bringing regulatory and technological expertise to further support MTF's objectives.

Today, the Maritime Technologies Forum (MTF), whose founding members include ABS, DNV, Lloyd's Register, ClassNK, Japan's Maritime Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, the Norwegian Maritime Authority and the U.K.'s Maritime and Coastguard Agency, welcomed the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) as an associate member, further strengthening MTF's collaborative approach to advancing safety and sustainability in the maritime industry.

2. As the port authority, maritime and port planner, and National Maritime Representative, MPA plays an important role in driving the global maritime transformation. MPA will bring its regulatory expertise, technology and innovation experience and networks to the partnership with MTF. MPA will also collaborate with the classification societies and Flag States on research and projects in areas such as safe testing, crew training and adoption of alternative fuels.

3. Attending and signing on behalf of the MTF founding members, Knut Arild Hareide, Director General of Shipping and Navigation for the Norwegian Maritime Authority said, "It's great to have more Flag State representation within MTF, adding to our collective experience and expanding MTF's global footprint and reach. We will continue to work with all our MTF member partners as we work together to help guide the maritime industry through the challenges ahead."

4. Also representing MTF members during the signing, Nick Brown, CEO of Lloyd's Register said, "MPA is truly a collaborative partner in safety and sustainability across the maritime industry. It is committed to advancing emissions reduction through a variety of measures including green and digital shipping corridors and the use of future fuels. MPA's fresh perspectives on decarbonization, digitalization and automation will be an asset to the Maritime Technologies Forum, and we are delighted to welcome them as an associate member."

5. Mr Teo Eng Dih, Chief Executive, MPA said, "This collaboration with MTF builds on MPA's existing partnership and ongoing work with various classification societies and Flag States. Collaboration and knowledge sharing with like-minded partners is key to addressing the industry's most pressing challenges. MPA looks forward to working with MTF to undertake research and projects to further technological innovations, and develop regulations and standards to ensure the safe implementation of maritime technologies and solutions."

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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).

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About MTF

The MTF is a forum of Flag States and Classification Societies established to provide technical and regulatory expertise to benefit the maritime industry. The role of the Forum is to work together on research which it will publish to the maritime industry and draw on regulatory expertise to be able to offer unbiased advice to the shipping sector. It will seek to give guidance on the use of alternative fuels and increased levels of automation in the industry. Furthermore, it will allow for the safe testing and adoption of new technologies and it will help shape world-leading regulation.

The Flag State administrations include Maritime Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Japan; the Norwegian Maritime Authority; and the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, United Kingdom. The Classification Society members are ABS, DNV, LR and ClassNK.

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