

2nd Digitalisation Committee Meeting Summary

The 2nd meeting of the Digitalisation Committee for the 2023/2025 term, led by Mr. T.S. Teo, was held at the SSA office in the Bank of China Building. The objective of this meeting was for the four workgroups: SME digitalisation, startups, cybersecurity, and sustainability, to update the members regarding the formation of the workstreams and their plans for the coming year.

The Start-up workgroup led by Mr Kent Lee shared the workgroup's objective to promote and support innovation. It does so by bringing a community of different stakeholders to support maritime start-ups. It leverages on SSA and collaboration with Pier 71 to address the future needs of SSA members. For the start-up workgroup, the key activities for 2024 include the alignment with Pier 71 on joint initiatives and deliverables; and organizing a Startup Showcase in March 2024.

The SME Digitalisation workgroup led by Mr TS Teo, shared that the purpose of creating a program to build a community of SMEs. The program's activities facilitate continuous engagement and communication with the SMEs to accelerate the SMEs' digital maturity. The program's objectives include (1) promote the adoption digital solutions, (2) provide support to improve the application of digital solutions to meet the business objectives of the companies and (3) assist companies to equip themselves to continuously secure themselves from cyber threats. Their key activities for 2024 include the introduction of CISOaaS, continuation with CTOaaS, training and development courses, advisory, Tech & Demo Day and SSA Conversations on digitalization. The Tech & Demo Day serves as the anchor event of the program.

The Cybersecurity workgroup led by Richard Wagner, shared that the Cybersecurity Maturity Scorecard will accelerate adoption so as to have it launched at the Singapore Maritime Week in April 2024. He reported that 4 companies had gone through the draft questions to support the adoption. For the MPA's Maritime Cybersecurity Assurance and Operations Center (MCAOC), Richard reported that the workgroup had met with MPA to understand the scope and intentions of MPA. The workgroup planned to visit the MCAOC by end-Nov 2023. It will be followed by a workplan to facilitate early engagement from the industry to reflect the needs and requirements.

The Sustainability workgroup led by Mr TS Teo reported that the initial plan to look at sustainability report was not possible as the business model across the different segments within the maritime industry was quite different. He met with IMDA who advised to focus on (1) resource optimization and (2) carbon management. IMDA had pre-qualified digital solutions under Advance Digital Solutions (ADS) which would provide up to 70% subsidy for SME for the first year of adoption. For now, the work group is looking at 2 possible initiatives, namely, (1) promote the adoption of solutions under ADS and (2) assist shipowners to identify digital solutions for vessel carbon reporting

In a concise recap, the meeting covered various workgroups of SME digitalization, start-ups engagement, cybersecurity, and sustainability within the committee, with a focus on collaboration and progress.

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