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Singapore Shipping Association Holds 29th Annual General Meeting, Elects New Council

1 The Singapore Shipping Association's (SSA) 29th Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held today at PARKROYAL Collection Beach Road in Singapore. Seven ordinary members of the SSA were elected to the 2025/2027 council during the AGM. Immediately following the 29th AGM, the new Council held its first meeting, where **Mr. Teo Teng Seng was elected as SSA President**, succeeding Ms. Caroline Yang. Mr. Teo, who is the Advisor of Pacific International Lines Pte Ltd, had previously served on the council as the Chair of the Digitalisation Committee from October 2020 to 2025.

2 The 2025/2027 Council also elected the following office bearers:

- Mr. Lakhbir Singh, Chief Executive Officer, Orient Maritime Agencies Pte Ltd as Secretary
- Ms. Katie Men, Managing Director, Iseaco Investment Pte Ltd as Treasurer

3 The elected members for the 2025/2027 Council are: -

| Name of Company | Name of Representative |
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| Pacific International Lines Pte Ltd | Mr. Teo Teng Seng, Advisor |
| Orient Maritime Agencies Pte Ltd | Mr. Lakhbir Singh, Chief Executive Officer |
| Iseaco Investment Pte Ltd | Ms. Katie Men, Managing Director |
| Cyan Renewables Pte Ltd | Mr. Lee Keng Lin, Chief Executive Officer |
| Sinoda Shipping Agency Pte Ltd | Dr. Akanksha Batura Pai, Executive Director |
| Swire Shipping Pte Ltd | Capt. Kunal Nakra, General Manager, Safety Governance and Performance |
| Gulf Marine Pte Ltd | Mr. Joey Chua, Director of Digital and IT Transformation |

The 2025/2027 Council nominated the following members to be co-opted into the council:

| Name of Company | Name of Representative |
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| Llyod's Register Singapore Pte Ltd | Mr. Goh Chung Hun, President & Strategic Business Partner |

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| IMC Shipping Co. Pte Ltd | Ms. Sherin Goh, Chief, People & Organisation |
| Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP | Mr. Leong Kah Wah, Partner |
| SeaTech Solutions International (S) Pte Ltd | Mr. Prabjot Singh Chopra, Vice President, Technology |

4 Newly elected President Mr. Teo Teng Seng said, “I am deeply humbled and honoured to be elected as the President of the 2025/2027 Council. As our industry faces a myriad of challenges such as the pressure to decarbonise; keeping up with the advancement of technology; unstable geopolitics and economic uncertainty; the role of SSA as a tripartite partner is more crucial than ever. SSA remains committed to serving our members, putting in place initiatives and offering resources to address the challenges that our members may face and helping them to not just overcome the challenges that lie ahead, but also to succeed in the face of adversity.”

5 Mr. Teo succeeds Ms. Caroline Yang, who stepped down as President after serving a maximum of three consecutive terms. During her tenure, she has seen the association through many challenges. Most notably, she was at the helm during the COVID-19 pandemic, putting forth initiatives that ensured safe crew changes and port operations. More recently, in light of fast-changing trade laws and regionalisation, she fostered dialogue between industry and the Singapore Economic Resilience Taskforce (SERT), voicing the concerns of the industry.

Ms. Yang commented, “I am greatly honoured to have served as the President of the Singapore Shipping Association and would like to thank the members for their unwavering support and trust in me for the last six years. As I reflect on my time in SSA, it has been a truly valuable experience, where I have been fortunate enough to be in a position where I could help MaritimeSG and make a difference. I have no doubt that the new council succeeding me will be able to carry on the torch and do a phenomenal job.”

6 We thank the Councillors from the immediate past term for their services to the Maritime Singapore community:

- **Mr. René Piil Pedersen**, Managing Director, A.P. Moller Singapore Pte Ltd
- **Mr. Jun Shibata**, Executive Vice President, Marketing & Commercial Division (Global Headquarters) & Regional Head of South Asia, Ocean Network Express Pte Ltd
- **Mr. Apostolos Boutos**, General Manager, Thenamaris Singapore Pte Ltd
- **Ms. Cristina Saenz de Santa Maria**, Chief Operating Officer, DNV Singapore Pte Ltd
- **Mr. Abhishek Pandey**, Global Head, Managing Director, Transportation Finance, Standard Chartered Bank (Singapore) Limited

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About the Singapore Shipping Association

The Singapore Shipping Association (SSA) represents a wide spectrum of shipping companies and other businesses allied to the shipping industry. It is a national trade association formed in 1985 to serve and promote the interests of its members and to enhance the competitiveness of Singapore as an International Maritime Centre.

To achieve its objectives, SSA engages and collaborates with key stakeholders in the shipping industry and is a trusted advisor and partner to related government agencies. Additionally, SSA co-operates with other regional and international shipping organisations to protect the marine environment and promote freedom and safety at sea.

Currently, SSA represents over 500 member companies, comprising of shipowners and operators, ship managers, ship agents, and other ancillary companies such as shipbrokers, classification societies, marine insurers, bunker suppliers, maritime lawyers, and shipping bankers amongst others.

To enhance the vibrancy and further grow the maritime ecosystem, the association has expanded its membership to include technology start-up companies, as part of its strategy to promote digitalisation within the industry.

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Mr. Teo Teng Seng
Advisor, Pacific International Lines (Pte) Ltd
Elected Council Member 2025/2027
President

Mr. Teo Teng Seng is an Advisor for Pacific International Lines (Pte) Ltd (PIL). Prior to his current role, he served as the Managing Director of PIL Logistics Pte Ltd since its inception in 2001. Before his role in PIL Logistics, he headed the information technology, planning and budgeting functions in PIL as its Executive Director. He has over 20 years of experience in the maritime digitalisation sector.

Mr. Teo served as the Chair of the SSA Digitalisation Committee, which is responsible for initiatives such as the Vessel Cybersecurity Scorecard, a self-assessment tool that allows shipowners insights on their vessel's cyberhealth; the SME Digitalisation Programme, a digital roadmap masterclass aiming to help maritime SMEs to plan and prepare for their digital transformation journeys; and the SSA Techno-vate Day, a platform to showcase new and innovative solutions in the sector.

Mr. Teo has a Master of Business Administration from Foster School of Business from University of Washington, as well as a Degree in Electrical Engineering degree from University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK).



Mr. Lakhbir Singh
Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Orient Maritime Agencies Pte Ltd
Elected Council Member 2025/2027
Secretary

Mr. Lakhbir Singh is the CEO of Orient Maritime Agencies Singapore Pte Ltd. In 2015, he co-founded the Orient Maritime Group (OMG), a ship agency that fronts agency work for bulk carriers, tankers and liners. He has over 30 years of experience in the sector. Before setting up OMG, Mr. Singh spent 24 years in various roles and positions within Jardine Shipping Services.

From his appointment as a councillor in 2022, Mr. Singh has served as the Chair of the Services Committee, which focuses on improving port maritime services in Singapore. His committee has enabled the post-COVID resumption of activities of private oil terminals in Singapore.

Mr. Singh holds a double Master of Business Administration degree with a specialisation in Shipping, Offshore and Finance from Nanyang Business School, Nanyang Technological University.



Ms. Katie Men
Managing Director, iSEACO Investment Pte Ltd
Elected Council Member 2025/2027
Treasurer

Ms. Katie Men is the Managing Director of iSEACO Investment Pte Ltd, a ship-owning company that deals with ship management and ship investment for the container and drybulk segment. Prior to joining iSEACO in 2007, Ms Men worked in equity trading and marketing roles in the United States.

Ms. Men started as the Vice-Chair of the SSA Young Executive Group Committee in 2007, and has since progressed to be a council member, serving as the Vice President and Honorary Treasurer in the 2023/2025 council term. She also serves as an Honorary Treasurer for the Asian Shipowners' Association.

Ms. Men holds two Master of Science degrees, a degree in Marine Transportation from State University of New York Maritime College and a degree in Investment Management from Lubin School of Business. In 2018, she was awarded the Seatrade Young Person of the Year Award.



Mr. Lee Keng Lin
Chief Executive Officer, Cyan Renewables Pte Ltd
Elected Council Member 2025/2027

Mr. Lee Keng Lin is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at Cyan Renewables Pte Ltd, a provider of first-class offshore marine assets and services for the global offshore Wind Sector. He has over 20 years of experience in the offshore marine industry, including serving as the CEO of PACC Offshore Services Holdings Ltd, and as a Director in international maritime companies including shipyards, shipping and venture group.

Mr. Lee served as the Chair of the Decarbonisation Committee, which primarily focuses on industry activities that occur within port waters, facilitating the sector's transition towards cleaner energy use, and improving the efficiency and sustainability of Harbour Craft operations within our port waters. These efforts are crucial to helping Maritime Singapore achieve the decarbonisation goals and CO2 reduction milestones.

Mr. Lee graduated from the National University of Singapore (NUS) with first-class honours in Electrical Engineering and was on the Vice Chancellor's List. He is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and an alumnus of INSEAD.



Dr. Akanksha Batura Pai
Executive Director, Sinoda Shipping Agency Pte Ltd
Elected Council Member 2025/2027

Dr. Akanksha Batura Pai is the Executive Director at Sinoda Shipping Agency Pte Ltd. She is also a Partner at Seamind Blue Ocean Pte Ltd, and a Strategy Consultant at RAKS International Pte Ltd. She is also actively involved in the maritime scene, holding multiple roles such as the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Goodwill Maritime Ambassador, Mission to Seafarers Global Ambassador.

Dr. Akanksha served in the SSA Youth Executive Group Committee from 2015 and has since progressed to be a council member, serving as the Vice-Chair of the SSA International Committee for the council term 2023/2025. The International Committee is dedicated to addressing the key challenges within the global shipping industry and contributing towards shaping international shipping policy.

Dr. Akanksha has Master's Degree in Business Administration and Management from National University of Singapore (NUS) and has over a decade of experience in the shipping agency sector. She also serves as a Liaison Officer at The Hon. Consulate-General of the Republic of Malta, Singapore, handling various cultural & trade events and diplomatic matters.



Capt. Kunal Nakra
General Manager for Safety Governance and Performance, Swire Shipping Pte Ltd
Elected Council Member 2025/2027

Capt. Kunal Nakra is the General Manager for Safety Governance and Performance at Swire Shipping Pte Ltd, which is the oldest operating entity of the Swire Group. He joined Swire Shipping in November 2023 and is responsible for Safety Governance and Strategy development at the corporate level. He is a firm believer that humans are fallible and is an ardent supporter of making sense of how an organization's culture has an influence on people's behaviour.

Prior to taking up the role at Swire Shipping, Capt. Kunal was the Deputy Director of the Transport Safety Investigation Bureau (TSIB), which is Singapore's national investigation authority under the Ministry of Transport (MOT). In that role, he oversaw the formation of the TSIB, legislation drafting and the conduct of marine safety investigations (no blame investigations) on behalf of Singapore, into casualties that involved Singapore registered ships and foreign flagged ships within Singapore's waters. During his time with the MOT, he was a member of the Singapore delegation to the IMO and was also the Chair of the casualty analysis working group for 6 years at the IMO Instruments Implementation (III) Subcommittee where he led the development of recommendations to the IMO's rule making process. Prior to being seconded to MOT, Capt. Kunal was with the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore as a Flag State Inspector, Investigator and Auditor.

Capt. Kunal is well-versed with IMO instruments as well as the III Code, is a consultant to the IMO on casualty investigation matters and audit of IMO Member States and is an alumnus of the World Maritime University. He is a Fellow of the Nautical Institute (UK) and the Vice-Chair of its Singapore Branch.



Mr. Joey Chua
Director of Digital and IT Transformation, Gulf Marine Pte Ltd
Elected Council Member 2025/2027

Mr. Joey Chua is the Director of Digital and IT Transformation at Gulf Marine Pte Ltd, where he is responsible for overseeing the company's IT strategy and charting the course of their Digital Transformation Journey, contributing to its resilience and innovation. He joined Gulf Marine in December 2022 and is committed to fostering Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) in the workplace culture.

Beyond Gulf Marine, Mr. Chua is also an active member of the SSA Digitalisation Committee 2023/2025 and holds the position of Vice Chair in the Cybersecurity Workgroup, which is responsible for the launch of the Cybersafe Scorecard. The Cybersafe Scorecard allows shipowners to assess the cyberhealth of their vessels, preparing them for compliance and providing greater clarity of industry benchmarks. His contribution to the initiative underscores his commitment to advancing industry standards and practices, particularly in increasingly critical areas of cybersecurity and digitalisation.

Mr. Chua started his maritime journey as a marine engineer at the Republic of Singapore Navy. Prior to his current role at Gulf Marine, he was the Head of Information Technology at both OSM Maritime Ship Management and SeaTeam Management, accruing over a decade of experience in the maritime digitalisation space.



Mr. Goh Chung Hun
President & Strategic Business Partner (Singapore), Lloyd's Register Singapore Pte Ltd
Co-opted Council Member 2025/2027

Mr. Goh Chung Hun is the President & Strategic Business Partner at Lloyd's Register Singapore Pte Ltd, and has over 30 years of seafaring, fleet management, class and regulatory experience. He was previously the Marine Operations Manager in Singapore for Lloyd's register, before serving in various other leadership capacities in fleet management and flag registry. Preceding his return to Lloyd's Register, he was the head of fleet-management in Pacific International Lines (PIL) where he oversaw the technical, crewing, purchasing, new-building and bunkering departments.

Prior to his role at PIL, Mr. Goh was the Director of Marine at the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA), where he managed the Singapore Registry of Ships, flag state control, port state control, marine casualty investigations, maritime regulations, as well as the training and certification of seafarers. He was the head of Singapore's delegation to the IMO for the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) and chaired the IMO working group that finalised the upcoming ban on the use of heavy fuel oil in the Arctic. During the Covid-19 pandemic, he was also responsible for setting up a specialised team to manage and facilitate safe crew change at the Port of Singapore.

Mr. Goh holds a Master of Science (Maritime Studies) from Nanyang Technological University and a Class 1 Certificate of Competency in Marine Engineering.



Ms. Sherin Goh
Chief, People & Organisation, IMC Shipping Co. Pte Ltd
Co-opted Council Member 2025/2027

Ms. Sherin Goh is the Chief, People & Organisation of IMC Shipping Co Pte Ltd, which is a part of Tsao Pao Chee (TPC) Group. She is responsible for driving the organisation's Management Model in alignment with the Well-Being Mandate over TPC's diverse portfolio of businesses covering shipping & logistics, shipyards, ports, resources, real estate, investment management and lifestyle industries across the globe. This includes driving HR programmes aimed at attracting, engaging, developing and retaining talents to enable delivery of business strategy and growth. She holds 5a secondary role as a Senior Consultant and Coach within the OCTAVE Institute business arm to serve the Organisation Development needs for TPC.

Prior to her role in TPC, Ms. Goh was the Regional HR Director for Asia at International SOS, owning and driving all HR programmes, processes and requirements for the region. She was also a member of the Asia Region Executive Committee. Under her leadership, the Asia-region HR teams won 10 external HR Awards and was lauded for instituting best practices in talent management within the organisation.

Ms. Goh graduated with an Honours Degree in Law from the National University of Singapore (NUS), starting her career as a practising lawyer before joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Singapore as a Foreign Service Officer. She holds a Masters in Consulting and Coaching for Change from INSEAD, a post-graduate diploma in Human Resource Management from Singapore Institute of Management (SIM).



Mr. Leong Kah Wah
Partner, Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP
Co-opted Council Member 2025/2027

Mr. Leong Kah Wah is a Partner at Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP, specialising in Shipping & International Trade and dispute resolution. He has appeared as lead counsel in landmark Court of Appeal judgements and has extensive experience in handling commercial disputes in Court litigation, arbitration and mediation.

Mr. Leong was the Chair of the SSA Legal & Insurance Committee in the 2023 / 2025 Council Term, which was responsible for the launch of the Singapore Cyber Insurance for Safe Shipping and Operational Readiness (SCISSOR) platform, the first of its kind cyber insurance portal. This platform was launched in collaboration with the Digitalisation Committee, in response to the growing cyber risks in maritime operations and a need to address these issues.

Mr. Leong was appointed Senior Accredited Specialist Maritime and Shipping by the Singapore Academy of Law and is the President of the Maritime Law Association of Singapore. He is acknowledged in Legal 500 Asia Pacific guidebook and ranked Band 1 in Chambers and *"is widely viewed as a prominent litigator in the market."*



Mr. Prabjot Singh Chopra
VP Technology, SeaTech Solutions International (S) Pte Ltd
Co-opted Council Member 2025/2027

Mr. Prabjot Singh Chopra is the Vice President of Technology and a member of the Board of Directors at SeaTech Solutions, a Singaporean ship designer and marine engineering company with offices in region and in Germany and Australia. He spearheads the advancement of innovative 'Green Ship Design' concepts, integrating alternative fuels such as Methanol, Ammonia, and Hydrogen, along with cutting-edge technologies like Energy Storage Systems and Fuels Cells.

Since 2018, Mr. Chopra has been an active member in the Young Executive Group (YEG) Committee and was appointed its Chair in 2023. The YEG Committee focuses on the empowerment and professional development of young maritime professionals in SSA member companies.

Mr. Chopra sits on the Regional Board of the International Bunker Industry Association (IBIA) for Asia. He holds a Master of Science in Marine Technology from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) and a Bachelor of Engineering in Offshore Engineering from the National University of Singapore (NUS).