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Editorial

The Department of Seaports and Customs will hold a training session for Customs Officers which focuses on Customs terms. The session is totally dedicated to explain customs terms in Arabic and English. It will assist Customs Officers in acquiring more information about customs related idioms.

Officers will learn about each item in Arabic according to the prevailed meaning of the term and then they will be informed about the English meaning of the same term. Thereafter, they will add international knowledge to their local acquired understandings. An intensive training on how to use customs idioms correctly by providing comprehensive explanation from theoretical and practical aspects will be provided to them.

This will help customs officers to be within the procession of international mechanism and technologies of customs operations. Their knowledge and skills will not be restricted to the local trend, but it will take an international characteristic as it is expected that customs terms will develop to be similar to the international harmonized system code of commodities which is a well known tariff nomenclature system.

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Sharjah and Canaveral ports Sign Deal



The robust UAE-USA trade relationship is to receive a further boost as a 'Sister Ports' agreement was signed between the Department of Seaports & Customs, Government of Sharjah, in the United Arab Emirates, represented by Sheikh Khaled Bin Abdullah Bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Chairman of the Department of Seaports & Customs, Government of Sharjah, and the Canaveral Port Authority of Florida in the United States of America, represented by Jerry Allender, Chairman, Canaveral Port Authority Board of Commissioners.

The signing ceremony was hosted by Gultainer - the largest privately-owned, independent port operator in the world which recently expanded into the USA with a new concession at Port Canaveral - and was held at the Sharjah Chamber of Commerce in the presence of Sheikh Fahim bin Sultan bin Khalid Al Qasimi, Head of the Department of Government Relations in the Emirate of Sharjah, Badr Jafar, Vice Chairman of Gultainer and Managing Director of Crescent Group, Wayne Justice, Commissioner of Port Canaveral; Frank Kruppenbacher, Chairman of the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority;

Mohammed Meer Al Sarrah, Director of Department of Seaports & Customs, Government of Sharjah.

The agreement confirms the two ports' status as 'sister ports' in order to extend their mutual understanding for the development of economic resources, international trade and logistics.

A 'Joint Declaration of Collaboration and Cooperation' entered into will also explore new opportunities to develop co-operation between the ports and enable private companies within the catchment area of the respective ports to collaborate on trade and investment



prospects. The port authorities also committed to exchange information and knowledge between them and develop commercial, technological and cultural ties for their mutual advancement.

The USA and the UAE enjoy a strong trade and investment relationship, with the UAE being the USA's largest trading partner in the Middle East region, a distinction the UAE has held for six straight years. Since 2009, bilateral trade has grown more than 80 per cent exceeding more than \$24 billion in 2014. This represents one of the fastest growing USA economic partnerships, both globally and especially in the Gulf region.

Sheikh Khaled Bin Abdullah Al Qasimi stated: "We are delighted to be part of such an important moment in the history of the UAE-USA trade relationship. The 'Sister Ports' agreement strengthens our ties with an already strong partner of the UAE and reflects our commitment to establishing strong international relationships to boost the country's economic development."

Allender said: "We thank the Sharjah Port Authority for extending a hand of friendship to us, and Gulfainer

for graciously hosting us. We look forward to a long prosperous relationship."

As the main container terminal operator at both authorities' facilities, Gulfainer, which first started its operations in Sharjah in 1976 with the first container terminal in the Arabian Gulf, will play a key role in enhancing communications between both organisations and the various clients and private companies currently calling at their ports.

Peter Richards, Managing Director of Gulfainer said: "As the operator of the container terminal at Port Canaveral, as well as three main ports in Sharjah on behalf of the Sharjah Port Authority, we have welcomed this agreement with great excitement. This will positively impact our operations and we will continue to strive to strengthen the bond that exists with a view to contribute even further to the economy of both port areas."

The UAE has trade relations with every state in the USA, as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, with Florida, in particular, being one of the top five exporting states.





SHARJAH PORTS PERFORMANCE INCREASED IN Q3

Sharjah Ports sustained a good level of performance during the period from the beginning of January until the end of September 2015. The statistics of the main Sharjah Seaports namely Khalid, Hamriyah and



Khorfakkan showed that they have maintained their positive performance in general and witnessed considerable improvements in certain fields during the last nine months.

General cargo figures witnessed a spike in imports which increased by 24.13% during the third quarter of 2015 and reached to 5,107,193 Tonns compared with 3,874,622 Tons during

the same period of 2014. This included an increment of 6.15% in general non-bulk cargo which increased from 480,797 tons in Q3 2014 to 512,353 for the same period of 2015 and an increment of 3.9% in Edible Oils including (palm oil, corn oil, soybean oil and sunflower oil) for the third quarter of 2015 compared to the same period of the previous year.



Imported bulk stuff of Grains and Cereals (Wheat, Barley, Yellow corn, Maize and lentils and others) has also increased by 8.43% in the third quarter from 370,862 tons in 2014 to 405,043 tons in 2015.

General Cargo vessels which called at the port in Q3 2015 have increased by 13.33% to 210 from 182 for the same period of 2014.

Container carriers which called at Sharjah Ports increased by 0.35% to 1426 in the same period of 2015 compared with 1421 in 2014, while car carriers increased to 57 in the third quarter of the year from 52 in the same period of 2014 recording an increment of 8.88%.

The foregoing main Seaports of Sharjah are well recognized as being highly dynamic



being located in various parts of the Emirate serving the industrial areas of Sharjah and adjacent Emirates. Two of these ports are on the Arabian Gulf seacoast namely Port Khalid, which is located near the city of Sharjah, and the Hamiryah Port which is located within the huge free zone of the same name on the outskirts of Hamriyah village. The third port,

Khorfakkan, has the advantage of being located on the Eastern Coast of the Emirate on the Gulf of Oman and within Khorfakkan town.

The increased performance was not possible without the collective role of several factors including the infrastructure of those ports and improving logistics are also amongst the contributing elements.



Sharjah Ports Takes Delivery of the



The Department of Seaports and Customs has recently taken delivery of Sils-3, the latest addition to the craft of the Department. The boat is of 15.75 metres long, 4.85 metres wide, 0.85 metre draft with two Volvo Engines producing 35 Knots speed.

Sils -3 a Stan type built by Damen Shipyards (Damen Stan Pilot 1605 FRP) is the latest addition to the fleet of pilot boats, tugs and others used to support port operations. It is designed to meet the increasing operations requirements at Port Khalid and can carry 8 pilots for multiple operations. The delivery ceremony was attended by Captain R.Devathirajan, Harbour Master of Port Khalid, Captain Motasaim Dafalla Elnur, Harbour Master of Hamriyah Port and Mohammed Yousuf Al Suwaidi, Cargo In- charge (Hamriyah Port).

The Department of Seaports and Customs has been a long-term customer of Damen and already has eight Damen Stan Tugs in its fleet. The new Damen Stan Pilot 1605 FRP boasts the latest pilot boat design, with a chimed hull and modified Axe Bow, providing superior sea keeping abilities. The new pilot vessel is capable of 35 knots.



New Pilots Boat « Sils 3 »



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New Tug Launched for Sharjah Ports

Damen Shipyards at Hamriyah Free Zone has launched the first tugboat built for the Department of Seaports and Customs in the United Arab Emirates.



The Tugboat, Damen ASD Tug 2411 of 5632 bhp with 67 Bollard Pull, has been launched at midday on September 28 2015 at Damen Shipyards Hamriyah Free Zone.

The tugboat which will be deployed at khorfakkan Port, is designed to fulfill the needs of the growing marine operations at the port.

A contract was signed in November 18 2014 by Sheikh Khaled bin Abdullah Bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Chairman of the Department of Seaports and Customs, and Sharjah Free Zones, and Rene Berkvens, CEO of Damen Shipyards Group in HFZA, in which Damen will build and maintain new boats ordered on the behalf of the Department of Seaports and Customs.



Development Works at Port Khalid

Development works at Port Khalid are taking place within the plan of the Department of Seaports and Customs to provide more facilities and services to port users.

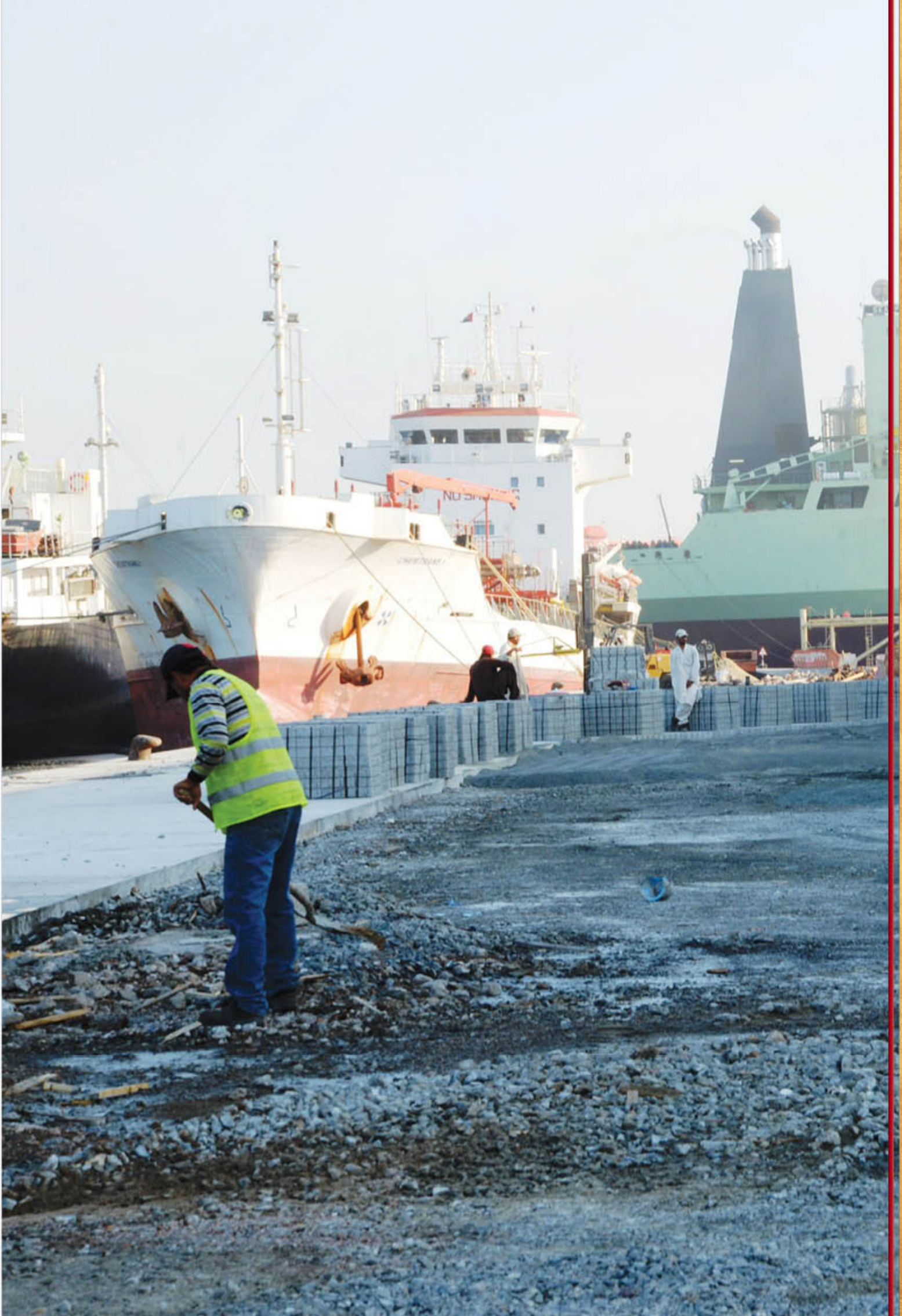
The civil works are going on in Berth No 5 (including renewal of deck furniture), boosting, shipping, loading and unloading operations.

Port Khalid which was established in the mid seventies of the last century, is a pioneer among all seaports in the Gulf region, claiming many firsts, including the

earliest container, Ro-Ro terminal.

Its facilities consists of a number of berths with a variety of shipping applications, ranging from general, reefer, dry, liquid and bulk cargo to container and oil and offshore support services. There are two alongside cold stores, customs bonded stores, and competitively priced road haulage.







UAE Leads the Way in Blue Economy Discussions in Mauritius

A delegation led by Dr. Thani Ahmad Al Zeyoudi, UAE Permanent Representative to the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and Director of Energy and Climate Change at the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs, attended the first Ministerial Blue Economy Conference of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), held in Mauritius, 2-3 September 2015.

Healthy oceans and seas are central to a wide range of opportunities they offer, including fisheries, renewable energy, resource extraction, tourism and trade. At the same time, oceans and seas are under great environmental pressure, particularly from impacts of



climate change, such as ocean acidification, rising sea levels and increasing extreme weather conditions.

The Conference was held reflecting views amongst the IORA member states that sustainable management and security of oceans and seas are critical in order for countries to continue to benefit from them in decades to come. Participants delved into discussions on four priority sectors on the first day of the meeting, focusing on the fisheries and agriculture, renewable ocean energy, seaport and shipping as well as seabed exploration and minerals. The results from the first day were reflected into a ministerial declaration adopted on the second day of the Conference.

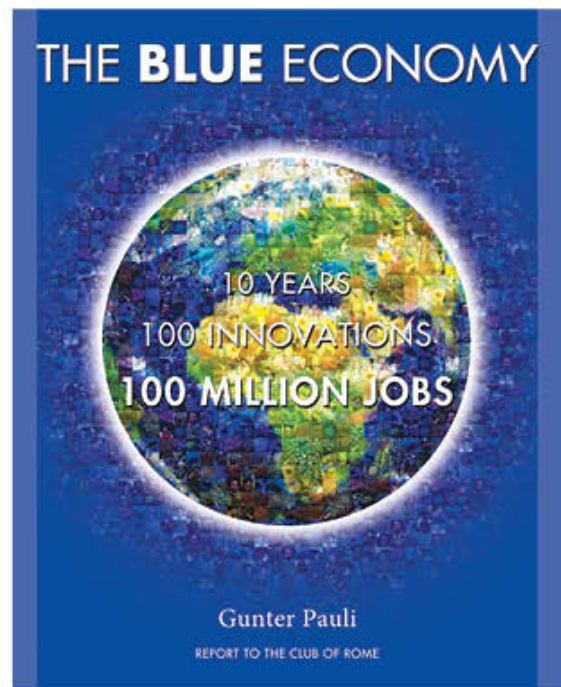
“Oceans are shared international resources, and can only be protected if we work together,” said Dr. Al Zeyoudi. “That is why we support international for a such as this first IORA Ministerial Blue Economy Conference to build close cooperation and partnerships.”

The Conference was held in the lead up to two major conferences this year which will have significant impacts on the wellbeing of oceans and seas: the UN Summit later this month in New York where the world will agree to a number of sustainable development goals including a dedicated goal on the protection of oceans and seas, and the UN climate change conference in December in Paris during which a new agreement will be reached to slow down the increase of greenhouse gas emissions. The UAE is an active contributor to and convener

of relevant international dialogues.

“Hosting the World Future Energy Summit during the annual Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week, convening a series of counter-piracy conferences, investing in renewable energy both at home and abroad including our renewable energy foreign aid program for Pacific island states, and implementing a wide range of sustainable fisheries practices and marine conservation measures are just a few examples of how the UAE is contributing to the achievement of the blue economy,” said Dr. Al Zeyoudi.

As a next step, the UAE will host the second Blue Economy Summit organized by the Government of Seychelles on 19 January 2016, during Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week 2016. The Summit builds on the success of the first Summit held in January 2014 and is intended to further strengthen international cooperation on the realization of the blue economy.





Maritime Education and Training



IMO celebrated the World Maritime Day on September 24th 2015, with the theme “Maritime education and training”.

World Maritime Day is an official United Nations day, celebrated every year, providing an opportunity to focus attention on the importance of shipping safety, maritime security and the marine environment and to emphasize a particular aspect of IMO’s work. Individual Governments are encouraged to mark the day, on a date of their choosing but usually in the last week of September.

Each World Maritime Day has its own theme, which is reflected in IMO’s work throughout the year. In 2015, attention has focused on the need for high quality maritime education and training, as the bedrock of a safe and secure shipping industry.

“Without a quality labour force, motivated, trained

and skilled to the appropriate international standards, shipping cannot thrive,” IMO Secretary-General Koji Sekimizu said, in his annual World Maritime Day message.

“Not only that, all the many advances that have been made, in terms of safety and environmental impact, are at risk if personnel within the industry are unable to implement them properly,” Mr. Sekimizu said. “The importance of training and education for the maritime personnel of today and tomorrow is greater than ever before.”

Mr. Sekimizu also highlighted the need for greater efforts to be made to bring new generations into seafaring as a profession, noting that seafaring must be seen to appeal to new generations as a rewarding and fulfilling career. “The world depends on a safe, secure and efficient shipping industry;

and the shipping industry depends on an adequate supply of seafarers to operate the ships that carry the essential cargoes we all rely on," Mr. Sekimizu said.

To encourage young people into choosing further education and careers in the maritime world and to raise awareness, IMO's London Headquarters opened its doors on 22 and 23 September to more than 300 primary and secondary age school children, from local and international schools based in London, for special World Maritime Day events.

The young people engaged with seafarer cadets from all over the world and representatives from maritime training institutes and international shipping organizations, who outlined the benefits and attractions of a career at sea and in the broader maritime professions.

IMO has also established the IMO Maritime Ambassador Scheme, to promote rich and varied career opportunities for young people, both at sea and ashore, in the multi-faceted maritime world.

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon also issued a message for World Maritime Day. He said:

"Through the millennia, shipping has united the world by carrying the goods and commodities that underpin the global economy," said UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in a message on the World Day.

"Today, shipping is a modern, highly technical, professional discipline that requires a great deal of skill, knowledge and expertise from the maritime workforce," he continued. "A safe, secure and clean shipping industry can only be built on effective standards of education and training, which is the theme for this year's World Maritime Day."

He also praised the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the UN specialized agency for maritime safety and environmental protection, noting that it has had a "long and wide-ranging involvement in maritime education and training."

The Secretary-General also noted the important role the maritime industry will play in the implementation of the goals contained in the 2030 Agenda.

"Looking ahead, the human element in shipping will be increasingly important as the industry moves towards ever higher standards of safety, environmental impact and sustainability, and seeks to do its part to implement the new Sustainable Development Goals," he said.





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