

## **PILOTAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING**

Date : 18 January 2022 (Tuesday)  
Format : Video Conference  
Time : 2:30 p.m.

### **Present**

Chairman:	WONG Sai-fat	Deputy Director (1), Marine Department (“MD”)
Members:	CHAN Hung-tai	Hong Kong Liner Shipping Association
	CHAN Kam-foo	Shipping Agencies
	LAM Wing-chiu	Containers Terminal Operators
	CHANG Chi-wai, Robson	Dry Bulk Cargo Terminal Operators
	Capt LI Yongzheng	Master Mariner
	Capt CHAN Kam-wing	Master Mariner
	Capt WANG Chi-cheong	Licensed Pilot
	Capt LAW Kwun-pan	Licensed Pilot
	LAI Chi-tung	Assistant Director / Port Control (“AD/PC”), MD
	HUANG Jihe	General Manager / Vessel Traffic Services, MD
	HU Guizhong	Surveyor of Ships (Nautical) / Seafarers and Examination (2), MD
Secretary:	Miss Athena LIU	Executive Officer (General & Committee), MD

### **In attendance (Except for items I, II and III)**

Ms Catherine Chow	China Merchants Port Holdings Company
TANG Ying-kit, George	Marine Manager/ Pilotage

**Absent with apologies**

ZHANG Hongwen	Hong Kong Shipowners Association
LI Yubin	Break Bulk Cargo Operators
Zhong Ying	Dockyard Industry
Capt TSANG Cheuk-yin, Joe	Master Mariner

**I. Opening Remarks**

1. The Chairman extended his welcome to all members. In view of the pandemic, video conference was adopted.

**II. Interview of pilot apprentices-to-be**

2. The Chairman said that PAC would interview five candidates in sequence (namely CHOW Hon-ting, HO Chi-fung, MOK Kwan-ho, NG Ho-chun and WONG Hoi-tat) to test their suitability for being apprentice pilots.
3. All the Members (including the Chairman) of PAC declared no actual/ perceived/ potential conflict of interest.
4. The five candidates were asked to brief PAC on their maritime study and sea-time experience, core competence/qualities of being a pilot and reasons for choosing pilotage to be a vocation.
5. PAC considered the interview performance of the five candidates was satisfactory and recommended them all ought to be registered as apprentice pilot.

**III. Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting held on 7 December 2021**

6. Regarding the PAC Paper No. 9/2021, Capt LAW Kwun-pan suggested MD to consider adding “for information only” at the end of paragraph 8 of “IV. Discussion Item” making the statement as “... and invited members to note the cooperation arrangement for information only”. The Chairman

responded that the title and the content of the paper were considered to have already clearly reflected its nature i.e. for members' information and noting.

7. The minutes of last PAC meeting held on 7 December 2021 were confirmed without amendment.

**(Post-meeting note:** The meeting minutes were uploaded to the MD website on 30 March 2022.)

#### **IV. Discussion items**

*(a) PAC Paper No. 1/2022 –Adjustment to Pilotage Dues*

8. Capt LAW Kwun-pan presented the PAC Paper No. 1/2022 and elaborated the change of the pilotage dues adjustment in 2021 when compared it to 2016 and 2019, in particular the increase for some specific items such as the pilotage beyond pilot boarding area per 1/2 hour, detention and alternation.
9. The meeting endorsed PAC Paper No. 1/2022. Marine Department would take forward the matter with Transport and Housing Bureau and Department of Justice as appropriate.

#### **V. Any Other Business**

10. AD/PC raised that the sea experience for some pilot apprentices-to-be was relatively green and would like to discuss with members on whether additional training such as simulation need to be added to cover the shortage. Capt LAW Kwun-pan agreed to the observation. He expressed that Hong Kong Pilots Association (HKPA) has in fact arranged the training programme for apprentice pilots and would endeavour to arrange additional one in discussion with Marine Department. Mr CHAN Kam-foo asked about the prescribed qualification to apply for registration as an apprentice pilot. Capt LAW advised that the person shall hold a Certificate of Competency (Deck Officer) Class 1 (Master

Mariner) issued or deemed to be issued under the relevant regulation made under the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) Ordinance (Cap. 478) or a certificate accepted as equivalent to that certificate by that regulation. To take forward the matter, the Chairman invited MM/Pilotage to follow up with HKPA in the PAC Working Group. Capt LAW Kwun-pan agreed and HKPA would further discuss with MM/Pilotage on the training matter.

11. Capt LAW Kwun-pan raised out the medical examination arrangement by Department of Health for apprentice pilots. This issue was noted and would be followed up.

## **VI. Date of next meeting**

12. The meeting adjourned at 4:15p.m. The date of the next meeting would be announced in due course.

### Distribution list

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