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WISTA 2006 Conference Moves to Asia

The centre of gravity for global economy has shifted to Asia. Unquestionably, Asia is going to be the engine driving tomorrow's world economy. At the front line, we see the Chinese leading the race, with upcoming India, vying for an increasing share in Asian growth. Other economies in the region are also riding the waves of China and India's phenomenon and to the advantage of smaller economies, regional integration has boosted growth at home.

Shipping and Trading have always been considered as the pulse for Asia's growth. Strong Asian demand plays a domineering role in the substantial increase in cargo movements in the region. Asian ports were already among the top container ports in the world in terms of container handling volume, with Hong Kong, Singapore and Shanghai sitting comfortably at the top 3 positions.

The role Asia plays in the world economy is evident in global trade. For the past many years, Asia has been driving global growth, and as it is growing in economic size and power, the contribution it makes to the rest of the world is all the more substantial.

Considering the importance of Asia and its impact on the rest of the world, international members of WISTA will gather for the first time in Asia in 2006. Singapore, with its excellent geographic location, port facilities and services, has always been regarded as the maritime hub in the Asian region. Armed with Asia's strong potential and Singapore's pivotal role in Asian shipping and trade, WISTA Singapore has been chosen to host this exclusive annual event.

Singapore will be having its inaugural "Maritime Week" in end September 2006. Livening up the maritime environment will be a series of high profile events including the 3rd International Conference & Exhibition on Ballast Water Management (25-26 Sep); MPA's 3rd annual International Maritime Awards (26 Sep); Marine Money's 5th Ship Finance Forum (27 Sep); and the 14th Singapore International Bunkering Conference (SIBCON) 2006 (27-29 Sep). So make a date with Singapore this September for Maritime Week.

Why Asia? Recognize Asia's Growing Importance in Shipping and Trade

- **Asian Economic Growth to Remain Strong**
"Economic expansion in East Asia's developing countries will reach 6.6% in 2005 on the strength of Chinese economic expansion, higher domestic demand and greater export opportunities... East Asian economic growth will far outpace the rest of the world..."
– **The World Bank**
- **Mutual Interdependence: Asia and the World Economy**
"Emerging market Asia was the most rapidly growing region in 2004. The world needs Asia, and the contribution that Asian economies make to world economic growth: of that, there can be no doubt. But Asia needs the world too... the continent's success has also been based on successful integration with international economy." – **International Monetary Fund**
- **World's Largest Container Port**
Handling more than 20m teu over four terminals, (PSA Singapore) is the world's largest container terminal operator in a single location. Singapore is the world's No. 1 container port."
– **Lloyd's List**
- **Still not convinced? Let's face the FACTS**
 - Asian container ports took the top 6 positions in 2004
 - 30% of world trade & 50% of its oil passes the Malacca Straits
 - Singapore is one of the world's top 3 refining centres.
 - Singapore is the world No. 1 container port
 - At 14.5%, Asia recorded the highest volume of real merchandise export growth in 2004.
 - China is the largest merchandise trade in Asia & the 3rd largest exporter & importer in world merchandise trade

A Not-to-Miss Opportunity for Women in Asian Shipping & Trade? Reserve your place today!

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Day One – 27 September 2006

8.30am to 12.30pm

General Assembly Meeting

For all National WISTA Association representatives only

2.30pm to 5.30pm

Open Forum General Assembly WISTA

6.30pm Welcome Cocktail Reception @ Long Bar, Raffles Hotel



Long Bar at the Raffles Hotel is home to the world-famous cocktail, Singapore Sling. Malayan plantations in the 1920's inspired the earthy décor of this two-storey bar. Get to know and network with international participants in this exotic setting.

Day Two – 28 September 2006

8.00am Registration & Coffee

9.00am Welcome Speeches

Goh Mei Lin, President

WISTA Singapore

9.10am Welcome Address

Marita Scott, President

WISTA International

9.20am Keynote Address

Guest of Honour

Lim Hwee Hwa

Minister of State for Finance and Transport

PLENARY SESSIONS: ASIA'S HOTSPOTS

9.40am Singapore

Singapore as an International Maritime Centre

"Besides being a choice port of call for many global shipping lines, Singapore has gained much recognition as a vibrant international maritime centre. Today, the city-state is home to a cluster of dynamic maritime players who offer a diverse and in-depth range of business services such as ship finance, marine insurance, ship broking and maritime legal advice.

This session will offer participants an insight into Singapore's development as a maritime hub, the challenges faced and what more it is doing to grow its maritime business clusters."

Tan Beng Tee, Director

International Maritime Centre

Maritime and Port Authority, Singapore

10.00am The Philippines

Crewing: The Challenges Facing Asia

"The shipping industry foundations come from the seafarers who crew vessels. Receive the latest on the Philippines as well as views on key issues that will face the global shipping industry from the crewing and manning aspect of the industry. Is there a shortage of crew looming in a market that will take delivery of a substantial amount of ships in the coming years? What are the issues faced at ground level in terms of making shipping an attractive proposition to students?"

Doris Magsaysay Ho, Chair & CEO

*Magsaysay Maritime Corp & President,
Philippine Seafarers Promotion Council*

10.20am Refreshment Break

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10.40am China

Doing Business in China

"China has emerged as a center for shipping through its role as a "global factory" as well as through her development, industrialization and the sheer volume of raw materials needed to build what could be the world's largest economy. From feeding a billion or more people, to the route forward in development, China seems only to have made the first steps in a long route towards development – How has the business environment changed in these formative years that have drawn China towards a more business styled approach to development and what does it mean to the investors and overseas participants who serve this growth?"

Xinwei Zhao, Founding Partner

HiHonor & Co

11.00am India

Maritime Industry in India

"India is the other Asia giant on the development road. Domestic development and a role in international trade has brought India to the centre of attention as India's development, growing sophistication of markets and thirst for industrial raw materials create a global interest in a market that will leave a global ripple of impact"

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MARKET OPPORTUNITIES SHOWCASE

11.20am LNG Trade & Tanker Markets

Future Expectations and Challenges Ahead

"Energy Market will be exposed to reveal the dynamic at play, the emergence of alternatives and how these developments impact on global energy shipping. Asia's demand for energy will also be showcased to reveal developments in both tanker and gas shipping markets."

Billy Chiu

Director Commercial

BW Shipping Managers Pte Ltd

11.40pm Bulk Shipping Markets

"China, India, Indonesia and Australia plus other global markets in the bulk shipping industry revealing the trends, market environment and outlook for the shipping of iron ore, coal, steel and grain products and the future of the shipping industry that serves these trades. Port Congestion, Freight rate trends, the modern shipowner and the current business environment in bulk shipping will be analysed to reveal the route forward"

Keith Denholm, Commercial Director

Pacific Carriers Limited

12.00pm Reality Check - new measures of shipbuilding capacity

There are extensive new sources of shipbuilding capacity coming on line from a combination of new facilities in China and improving efficiency in both South Korea and Japan. Worldyards.com cumulates capacity at 260 global shipbuilders to provide new insights into global shipbuilding supply.

Pooja S. Kumar, Manager - Data Division

Worldyards.com Pte Ltd

12.20pm Luncheon for Delegates & Speakers

1.30pm Post-luncheon activity (28 Sept 06)

Tour Jurong Port, Singapore

Important: Limited places available



Jurong Port, Singapore's premier multi-purpose port handles containers, bulk and conventional cargo. It features one of the world's largest common-user cement terminal and Singapore's largest multi-storey, ramp-up warehousing complex-Jurong Logistics Hub. With over

7000 vessels calling annually, the Port continues to play a major role in enhancing Singapore as a world-class maritime and logistics hub.

EVENING ACTIVITY - NETWORKING DINNER @ THE FOREST LODGE, SINGAPORE ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN



Enjoy a night of networking in this forest-themed restaurant completed with tribal artifacts, village huts, cascading waters and of course, local savory delights.

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TOUR UNDER THE MOONLIGHT @

NIGHT SAFARI

The world's first wildlife park built for visits at night, the Night Safari offers guests the unique experience of exploring wildlife in a tropical jungle at night. Nestled in 40 hectares of lush secondary forest, guests are able to view over 1,000 nocturnal animals of 100 species in vast naturalistic habitats.

Day Three – 29 September 2006

9.00am Mock Arbitration Session: International Maritime Arbitration

Dispute Resolution Clause & The Enforcement of Awards

Panelists:

Vivian Ang, Partner

Allen & Gledhill

Melinda Lim, Associate

Watson, Farley & Williams

Closing Remarks:

Dato' Jude Benny, Partner

JTJB

11.30am Panel Session: Women in Shipping & Trading

Speakers will deliver observations, experience and views on the future of women in shipping with a focus on developments in Asia. The past, present and future will be discussed with a Question and Answer session offering delegates an opportunity to share views, and add their personal experiences to discussions

Panelists:

Rebekah France, General Manager, Human Resources

BW Shipping Managers Pte Ltd

June Lim, Charterer

BP Shipping, BP Singapore

Puspa Rajamoney, Director

Thomas Miller (South East Asia) Pte Ltd

(Singapore representative office of UK P&I Club)

Jean Teo, Gasoline Trader

Integrated Supply and Trading Eastern

Hemisphere (IST EH), BP Singapore

12.15pm Luncheon

2.00pm Afternoon Activity - Parallel Excursions

Option 1: Port Operations Control Centre

Important: Limited to the first 40 delegates



With more than 130,000 vessel calls at the Singapore port annually, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) has to manage a large number of vessel movements. It has

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established an integrated marine surveillance and communication system known as the Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) to monitor and track marine traffic within the port and its approaches. The VTIS comprises state-of-the-art computer systems for multi-radar tracking, VHF radio communication, CCTV and Port Traffic Management, among others. Graphical radar images and information are presented on the ergonomically designed operators' consoles. The VTIS operates round the clock to ensure greater navigational safety.

Option 2: Star Cruises - SuperStar Virgo

Important: Limited to first 50 delegates



SuperStar Virgo is the flagship of Star Cruises' world class fleet. At 76,800grt, it offers a truly relaxing "freestyle" cruise experience that promises the best in onboard dining, recreation and entertainment.

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Home ported in Singapore, SuperStar Virgo takes holiday-makers to the region's most attractive ports-of-call, from bustling metropolises to idyllic islands.

Come aboard for an educational ship tour to discover this magnificent vessel. Highlights include the Captain's Bridge, with sophisticated state-of-the-art navigation system and a Galley Tour that will give you a glimpse of our back-of-the-house action.

Option 3: Integrated Simulation Centre

Important: Limited to the first 20 delegates



The Integrated Simulation Centre of Singapore (ISC) is an initiative of the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA), in close co-operation with the Singapore Polytechnic (SP), to further boost the quality and efficiency of maritime education and training in Singapore. The ISC, the first of its kind in Asia, offers high quality maritime simulation training in a risk-free environment. Such training covers all levels of operations for ship officers and crew, harbour craft operators and port marine personnel.

EVENING ACTIVITY - GALA DINNER



WISTA 2006 Annual Conference will close officially with this Gala Dinner hosted by WISTA Singapore. Firm up newly built relationships and meet up new counterparts before the group gathers again in 2007.

Women's International Shipping & Trading Association (WISTA)



Women's International Shipping & Trading Association (WISTA) is an international organization for women in management level positions involved in maritime transportation business and related trades, worldwide.

The organization first started out when a handful of women brokers gathered together to exchange views on professional issues. The first formal conference was held in Hamburg, Germany in 1980, with a mere 25-participants. 31 years after the first informal get-together, WISTA has grown to become today's international group with members in over 30 countries, represented by 19 National WISTA Associations.

For more information on WISTA, please visit www.wista.net

WISTA Singapore

WISTA Singapore Chapter was launched in February 1998. It was the first WISTA organization in Asia. As a non-profit trading and shipping organization, WISTA Singapore aims to provide members with opportunities to develop professionally, facilitates information and experience exchanges, as well as to network.

The association organizes yearly seminars, lunchtime talks, visits to vessels and operations relating to the marine industry. Members, women only, are drawn in from the shipping and trading sector, including shipowners, shipfinancers, brokers, oil companies, law firms, marine insurance, and traders.

For more information on WISTA Singapore, please visit www.wistasingapore.com

About The Host Country - Uniquely Singapore



Unique is the word that best captures Singapore, a dynamic city rich in contrast and colour where you'll find a harmonious blend of culture, cuisine, arts and architecture. A bridge between the East and the West for centuries, Singapore, located in the heart of fascinating Southeast Asia, continues to embrace tradition and modernity today. Brimming with unbridled energy and bursting with exciting events, the city offers countless unique, memorable experiences waiting to be discovered.

A single day's trails will take you from the past to the future, from a colourful ethnic enclave to an efficient business centre, from serene gardens to sleek skyscrapers.

Singapore is truly a city like no other, a world of possibilities. With its friendly and welcoming people, state-of-the-art infrastructure and something new happening everyday, your visit will be a memorable mix-and-match of all the things you have always wanted to do. Come and enjoy countless fascinating experiences, and take away memories that are uniquely Singapore.

Sponsorship Opportunities

WISTA 2006 Annual Conference offers sponsors a captive audience of 200 influential industry executives from the region and international arena. We invite your organisation to be a sponsor for this inaugural Asian conference and to lend your support to the women involved in shipping and related businesses worldwide. Seize this unique opportunity to highlight your company's commitment to the development of women in shipping and be recognized as a progressive force in the industry.

Take this opportunity to showcase your leadership, innovation and service excellence! Reinforce your marketing with high visibility and presence and reach out directly to the industry heads and decision-makers.

There is a range of sponsorship opportunities available for your organisation and sponsorship packages can be customised to meet your budgets and marketing goals. If you are interested to sponsor this prestigious event, please contact the Sponsorship Manager, **Mr. Jonathan Kiang** at Jonathan.Kiang@ibcasia.com.sg or tel (65) 6835 5159.

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Day One – 27 September 2006

General Assembly Meeting (27 Sept 06)
admission only for National WISTA Association Representatives

Open Forum General Assembly (27 Sept 06)

Day Two – 28 September 2006

Conference Sessions (28 Sept 06)
 Tour of Jurong Port Terminal (28 Sept 06)
 Networking Dinner & Tour of Night Safari (28 Sept 06)

Day Three – 29 September 2006

Mock Arbitration & "Women in Shipping" Panel Session & Debate (29 Sept 06)

Parallel Excursions (29 Sept 06) –
 Please select one only

Option 1: Port Operation Centre
 Option 2: Star Cruises - SuperStar Virgo
 Option 3: Integrated Simulation Centre

Gala Dinner (29 Sept 06)

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	Without 5% GST	With 5% GST	Without 5% GST	With 5% GST
WISTA Member	€350 / S\$691	S\$725.55	€ 400 / S\$789	S\$828.45
Non-Member	€440 / S\$868	S\$911.40	€ 490 / S\$967	S\$1015.35
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