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### **Hong Kong Maritime Museum offers free admission and family programme to Celebrate the International Day of the Seafarer**

**Hong Kong, 22 June 2021** – On 27 June 2021, Hong Kong Maritime Museum (HKMM) celebrates the International Day of the Seafarer with free admission to the museum and a series of family activities to raise awareness and show appreciation for the work of seafarers.

The annual International Day of the Seafarer was established by the International Maritime Organization in 2010 as a tribute to the 1.6 million seafarers around the world for their essential contribution to world trade and the global economy. Around 90% of everything we eat, use and consume is brought to us via transport over the sea – even during COVID-19 when measures to contain the pandemic around the world pose extra hardships on ships' crews, including making it very difficult for ship owners to change crews and get their seafarers home.

Sponsored by Hong Kong-based Pacific Basin Shipping Limited, one of the world's leading owners and operators of modern Handysize and Supramax dry bulk vessels, the Hong Kong Maritime Museum opens its door for free to the public on 27 June 2021 (Sunday) to commemorate this meaningful day. Presented by the Hong Kong Seamen's Union, game booths will be set up for children and their families to interact with the Union's youth volunteers and learn about the life of a seafarer. Visitors can collect and make their own postcards as souvenirs of the day. In addition, documentary screenings and sharing sessions will be held for visitors to meet and learn from young cadets and experienced seafarers from both Pacific Basin Shipping Limited and the Hong Kong Seamen's Union.

Two special exhibitions are also on show at the museum, namely "Maritime Crossroads: Millennia of Global Trade in Hong Kong" and "Sailor-Made: Manifestations of Nautical Fashion in Hong Kong Culture". Both exhibitions feature displays and artefacts about the history of seafarers' lives and work.

This special day aims to enable the public to understand and appreciate the hard work of the seafarers, and to embark on a journey of discovery about Hong Kong and the city's international maritime history. During the day, the museum will also provide bilingual guided tours between 14:00-15:00 and 16:00-17:00.

**Download Images:** <http://bit.ly/hkmmseafarer21>

#### **Day of the Seafarer at Hong Kong Maritime Museum**

Date: 27 June 2021 (Sunday)

Time: 10:00-19:00

Location: Central Pier No. 8

More Info.: <https://www.hkmaritimemuseum.org/dayoftheseafarer>

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## About Hong Kong Maritime Museum

The Hong Kong Maritime Museum (HKMM) is founded by members of the Hong Kong Shipowners Association to help Hong Kong residents and visitors to the city explore its unique maritime heritage. HKMM is an independent, non-profit registered charity supported by the shipping industry, the business community, individuals, and the Hong Kong SAR Government. The HKMM is a cultural institution that tells the stories of Hong Kong's relationship with the sea, including the trades between Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta and the World, and the vital roles played by so many ships in those stories.

The Museum opened its door to the public at Murray House in Stanley in 2005 and relocated to beautifully situated Central Pier No. 8 in the heart of the Central Harbour Waterfront in 2013. Today the Museum displays over 1,200 objects in 15 galleries,. The HKMM also houses various event spaces for rent, a resource centre, its rooftop (social enterprise) Café 8 which enjoys wonderful harbour views, and a gift shop. The HKMM engages with the community of Hong Kong by providing education and public programming to schools, community groups and families.

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