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Hong Kong Maritime Museum Is Delighted to Receive the Donation of Ship Models of *COSCO Shipping Universe* and *OOCL Bauhinia* from COSCO SHIPPING

Hong Kong, August 8, 2025 – COSCO SHIPPING donated two exquisite ship models to the Hong Kong Maritime Museum (HKMM) today (August 8). The ship models, including the *OOCL Bauhinia* and the *COSCO Shipping Universe*, were received on behalf of Mr. Richard Hext, Chairman of the HKMM. To commemorate this special event, a certificate of appreciation presentation was also held.

Mr. Qian Weizhong, Chairman of COSCO SHIPPING (Hong Kong) Co., Limited expressed, “We deeply admire the professionalism and influence of the museum, which has become a symbol of Hong Kong’s maritime culture. The donation of the ship model to the museum is not just a gesture of goodwill, it also stands as a tribute to Hong Kong’s rich maritime heritage and a promising step toward future collaborations.”

Mr. Richard Hext, Chairman of the HKMM, remarked, “On behalf of the Hong Kong Maritime Museum, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to COSCO SHIPPING for their generous donation of two remarkable ship models. I am also reminded that the sea is not just a body of water—it is a bridge that connects nations, cultures, and generations. This donation is much more than two ship models; it is a symbol of collaboration, shared purpose, and a vision for the future.”

Energy-Efficient and Highly Intelligent: *COSCO Shipping Universe*

Delivered in June 2018, the *COSCO Shipping Universe* stands as a testament to modern shipbuilding excellence, boasting a remarkable container capacity of 21,237 TEU. This vessel, recognised as the world’s largest container ship at the time, incorporates energy efficiency, environmental sustainability, and cutting-edge technology.

Named After Hong Kong’s City Flower: *OOCL Bauhinia*

The *OOCL Bauhinia*, named in honour of Hong Kong’s city flower, symbolises the important connection between the city and shipping. Officially named in December 2024, this ship features an eco-friendly design and state-of-the-art smart technology, with a capacity of 16,828 TEU. It ranks among the largest ships specially designed to navigate the new locks of the Panama Canal, enhancing operational flexibility while setting new standards for energy efficiency and safety.

A Meaningful Donation for the HKMM

COSCO SHIPPING have been steadfast supporters of the HKMM, contributing through sponsorship of galleries and educational programmes that promote Hong Kong’s maritime heritage and culture. The donation of these two ship models, both embodying eco-friendly designs, aligns perfectly with the Museum’s mission to advocate for ocean conservation and sustainable development. Both ships are serving routes under the Belt and Road Initiative, resonating with the Museum’s focus on maritime trade routes. This donation holds special significance.

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The Museum plans to showcase the ship models in the future, allowing visitors to admire them while continuing to promote the rich maritime heritage and culture of Hong Kong.

Press images are available for download [here](#).



The donation ceremony was successfully held today (August 8) at the Museum's COSCO SHIPPING Blue Ocean Hall, witnessed by representatives from COSCO SHIPPING and the HKMM.



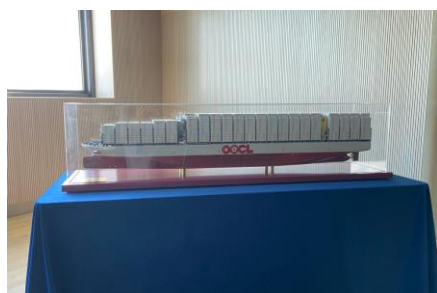
The guests took a group photo in front of the *OOCL Bauhinia* ship model.



The Museum held a certificate of appreciation presentation session to mark the special moment. (From left to right): Mr. Qian Weizhong, Chairman of COSCO SHIPPING (Hong Kong) Co., Limited and Mr. Tung Chee-chen, GBS, SBS, JP, Chairman of the HKMM Trust.



The ship model of *COSCO Shipping Universe* measures 38 cm high, 30 cm wide, and 200 cm long.



The ship model of *OOCL Bauhinia* measures 25 cm high, 17 cm wide, and 123 cm long.

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About the Hong Kong Maritime Museum

The Hong Kong Maritime Museum (HKMM) is an independent, non-profit registered charity founded by members of the Hong Kong shipping industry, supported by the business community, individuals and the Hong Kong SAR Government. As a cultural institution, we are dedicated to showcasing and preserving the maritime heritage and contemporary marine environment of Hong Kong and the South China Sea. Rooted in China, but looking to the world, we aim to inspire people's appreciation of their relationship with the sea. By connecting East and West, maritime cultural heritage and sustainable ocean development, we delve into the profound ties between people and the sea. Through our rich exhibitions and educational programs, we hope to cultivate public passion and respect for maritime culture and promote the sustainable development of the marine environment.

For more information, visit www.hkmaritimemuseum.org.

Ticketing information

Adults: HK\$30 Seniors (aged 60 or above), full-time students (with valid ID), children (under 18) and people with disabilities (accompanied by a carer): HK\$15

*Discounts are available for group visits of 10 or more.

For the latest update on ticketing, opening hours and social distancing information, please visit www.hkmaritimemuseum.org

Venue

Hong Kong Maritime Museum, Central Pier 8

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