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Hong Kong Maritime Museum’s Brand New Facility On Board: KM Koo Ship Bridge Simulator

The city’s only state-of-the-art virtual and authentic seafaring experiences is now open to the public!

Hong Kong, 28 April, 2016 – Sponsored by Valles Steamship Company Limited, the HK$4.7 million KM Koo Ship Bridge Simulator now installed at the Hong Kong Maritime Museum boasts the city’s most state-of-the-art control deck for ocean-going vessels.

This new facility is located on A-deck of the Museum, which will be officially launched on 29 April 2016. It allows visitors to steer a variety of ships including container barge, high-speed boat or even the famous historic Star Ferry, and learn the various roles of seafarers in the simulator to experience an immersive and authentic ‘sea journey’ through Hong Kong waters and the Victoria Harbour waterfront!

In this professional-grade simulator, one can experience seafaring like never before. Guided by the museum staff or maritime services student from Maritime Services Training Institute (MSTI), visitors can track the ship’s location and trajectory on the Electronic Chart Display, listen to real time radio communications from a transceiver, view traffic information using radar, and last but not least, steer at the vessel’s helm. The Simulator is capable of creating a variety of realistic immersive weather conditions such as typhoon, rough seas, fog, rain and even snow! It is so lifelike you may even get seasick!

Museum Director Richard Wesley stated, “We would like to express our deep appreciation particularly to Valles Steamship Company Limited, our sole sponsor and long-term patron, the software developer Dalian Maritime University, our Museum Advisor Captain Tung Yan-Tung, Design for Culture the designer of the simulator, Star Ferry and Star Cruises, as well as our museum staff. The completion of this new facility could not have been possible without the participation and assistance of them.”

Advance group bookings for the simulator are available on weekdays. Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays are open to the public visitors at 14:00, 14:45, 15:30 and 16:15, each in a 30-minute session (maximum 15 persons per session). Simply collect a complimentary ticket upon arrival at the Visitor Services Counter and visit the simulator on A-deck as per the designated timeslot.

Museum Admission Fee:
$30 Adult
$15 Senior (aged 60 and above) and child (under 18), Student (with a valid full-time student card), Visitors with disabilities (and one accompanying carer)
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About Hong Kong Maritime Museum
The Hong Kong Maritime Museum (HKMM), an independent, non-profit registered charity supported by the shipping industry, the business community, private individuals and the Hong Kong SAR Government, is a vibrant cultural institution dedicated to preserving, collecting and displaying objects that tell the story about trade and maritime in Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta, and the vital roles that ships and the sea play in our past, present and future. The Museum opened its door to the public at Murray House in Stanley in 2005 and then relocated to the Central Pier No. 8 in the heart of the Central Harbour Waterfront since 2013. Today the Museum displays nearly 1,000 objects in 15 galleries and attracts more than 100,000 visitors annually. HKMM also houses various event spaces, resource centre, roof-top social enterprise café, and gift shop that contribute to visitor’s experiences, and the community of Hong Kong actively engages in education and public programming offered for schools, adults, community groups and families. For more information, please visit www.hkmaritimemuseum.org.

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