

Welcome Message

歡迎詞

Welcome to the Hong Kong Shipowners Association 2016/17 Year Book. Like previous editions, this Year Book provides a record of the Association's major events and achievements during the past year.

The international shipping industry has faced tremendously challenging times in recent years, and Hong Kong shipping is no exception. In the wake of these challenges, the local shipping sector must seek reforms and innovation.

As a trade organization, the Association's core function is to add value to members' operation. In response to these challenges, the Association must also seek reforms and innovation.

I am glad to report that with the support of Association members, we took some big steps in the past year.

Internally, we have re-organised and re-energised the Association, with an enhanced committee structure and an expanded secretariat. Now, the various sub-committees were re-activated, and meet more regularly to monitor issues of interest to members. Working groups were formed where necessary to tackle ad hoc or pressing issues. Through the sub-committees and working groups, we are able to engage the experience and professional knowledge of more Association members for the benefit of the community as a whole. The expanded secretariat, comprising of experts with different skill sets and backgrounds, has provided us with greater capacity to pursue the causes and goals of the Association and to enhance the services offered to members.

Externally, we have been more pro-active in not only the international arena but also the national arena. As we must act together with the regional and global shipping communities, we maintain close, effective working relationship with shipowners' associations and other shipping related organisations from different parts of the world. We have also developed rapport with more and more government authorities and shipping-related NGOs in the Mainland of China, at the municipal, provincial and national levels.

All in all, we are determined to continue to protect and promote members' interests on all fronts.

It is a great honour to be the Chairman of the Association. I would like to thank all members of the Executive Committee, sub-committees and working groups for their valued support, and also thank the secretariat for its hard work. I am firmly confident that the Association will continue to thrive in the years ahead.

Sabrina Chao
Chairman 2016/2017



歡迎大家參閱 2016/17 年刊。與以前的版本一樣，本年刊記錄香港船東會年度重大事件和成就。

國際航運業近年來面臨許多困難，香港也不例外。面對挑戰，本地航運業必須改革和創新。

作為一個行業組織，香港船東會的核心職能是為會員的經營增值。因此，面對挑戰，我們也需要進行改革和創新。

我很高興在會員的支持下，去年我們邁出了一大步。

對內，我們重組了香港船東會，為協會注入動力，加強委員會的組織結構，並擴大了秘書處。現在，各分委員會已重新啟動，並定期開會，就會員關心的課題進行商討。我們還在有需要時，成立工作小組，處理特別或緊急的課題。通過這些工作，我們能夠充分利用會員的經驗和專業知識，保障航運業界的整體利益。同時，通過擴大秘書處，我們吸納了不同背景的專才加入秘書處。現在，我們更有實力，為協會的目標而努力，並提升向會員提供的服務。

對外，我們既在國際平台，也在國家層面，更加積極主動。我們與全球和區域航運業界共同努力，與世界各地的船東協會和其他航運相關組織保持密切、有效的工作關係。同時，我們也跟內地中央和省、市各級的愈來愈多的政府機構和航運相關的非政府組織建立了聯繫。

總之，我們決心繼續在不同方位維護和促進會員的利益。

我非常榮幸，能夠擔任香港船東會主席。感謝執委會和各分委員會所有成員的寶貴支持，也要感謝秘書處員工的努力不懈。我深信香港船東會在未來歲月，將持續蓬勃發展。

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