

海運學會的成立

一九八四年十月廿六日，在香港理工學院（現稱為香港理工大學）航海系任教的魏立志船長和朱志統船長及一班志同道合的海運界人士成立了海運學會。海運學會是一個以香港為中心，由各海運行業人士共同參與的團體。

海運學會的主要宗旨是為促進香港海運專業知識交流，提高社會各界對海運專業的認識及所作出的貢獻。另一方面，它有不同之處是以中文為主作為本地交流。

它的會員來自與海運有關的從業人士如船東、海事保險、船務經紀、海事法律、海損理算、海事仲裁、船舶及貨物檢驗、船舶工程、領港員及高級航海人員如船長、輪機長等。會員分為四級，分別為聯系會員、普通會員、院士會員和公司會員等。

主要活動包括定期舉辦學術專題講座，邀請海運界的知名人士演講，及與其他學術團體有所聯系、參與或聯合舉辦學術研討會。同時並於一九八四年，創刊了《海運季刊》，並定期出版，免費寄與各會員和有關團體。

一九八六年二月十三日，公司註冊署依據公司條例批准海運學會註冊成為有限公司。一九九五年八月，海運學會有限公司向公司註冊署申請免除有限公司字眼並獲得批准；因而海運學會雖然是有限公司，但運作上則採用海運學會為名稱。

海運學會課程

海運學會與香港城市大學持續教育專業進修學院和職業訓練局貨運業訓練委員會聯合舉辦了有關海運的課程，學員經考試合格後頒發證書。學會舉辦這類課程，一直都得到很多人士的擁護和支持。

因應社會需要，人人需要終生學習，海運學會於二〇〇二年與香港城市大學和職業訓練局貨運業訓練委員會繼續籌辦並提升有關海運及物流管理文憑課程，使學員增加更多知識。

海運會議

一九八七年六月廿五至廿六日，海運學會在香港舉辦了第一屆亞洲海運會議，討論了「遠東貨櫃運輸的發展 (Containerization Development in the Far East)」。

一九九七年十月六至七日，學會在香港主辦第四屆亞太區海運會議，並以「航運之挑戰 (Challenge in Shipping)」為題討論。由於再沒有主辦單位願意舉辦第五屆亞太區海運會議，這會議便一直多年擱置下來。

兩岸三地海運研討會

自第四屆亞太區海運會議在一九九七年十月七日閉幕後，便再沒有舉辦任何會議。五年後，中國方面由深圳海運協會於二零零二年提出中、港、台三方面的海運會議；終於同年十一月成功地在深圳舉行了「兩岸三地」的海運研討會。這似乎是亞太區海運會議的延續。

香港航運界推廣及籌款日

香港航運界十二個團體，包括海運學會 25 週年慶祝期間，合辦香港航運界推廣及籌款日。是次活動目的是對社會公眾人士顯示航運界的人材及實力、經濟地位及業界的團結精神，以推廣航運界的精神面貌，並將航運業界推介給有志入行或已就職航運業的年青一代。籌款其中一目的是以獎學金形式授于年青一代，使其於所選定的學府攻讀與航運業有關的課程。

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Foundation

On 26 October 1984, two lecturers at the Department of Maritime Studies of Hong Kong Polytechnic (Now Hong Kong Polytechnic University) Captain L.C. NGAI and Captain Peter C.T. CHU together with a group of people in the shipping industry, found the Institute of Seatransport. Based in Hong Kong, it is a body consisting of the different disciplines of the shipping industry.

The aim of the Institute is to promote the exchange of professional knowledge within the Hong Kong shipping community, to promote the recognition of professional seatransport for the community in Hong Kong and the contribution which it makes to our society. It is also a Chinese language medium for the exchange of views within the local territory.

Members come from different streams in the shipping industry, such as ship owners, marine insurers, ship brokers, maritime lawyers, average adjusters, maritime arbitrators, ship and cargo surveyors, ship builders/repairers, harbour pilots and senior seagoing personnel, for instance, ship Masters, Chief Engineers etc.

There are four grades of memberships in the institute; they are Associate, Ordinary, Fellow and Corporate members.

The main functions of the institute include the holding of regular seminars to which well known people in the shipping industries are invited, joint functions and participation in conferences.

“Seaview” is the magazine of the Institute. It was established in 1984 and is published quarterly. “Seaview” is distributed to members and related bodies free and contain a wide range of articles and features of general interest to those involved in the marine industry.

The Institute was incorporated as a limited company on 13 February 1986. In August 1995, the Institute had been granted the exemption of use of the word “limited” by the Company Registry of Hong Kong Government. This means that the Institute is a company limited, but “Institute of Seatransport” in operation and running business.

Training Courses

The Institute has coordinated with the School of Continuing and Professional Education of the City University and the Transport and Physical Distribution of Vocational Training Council to run the shipping related training courses. Certificates are issued to successful trainees after passing their examinations. The training courses are welcomed and are fully supported.

As the needs of the community and people have an intention for life-learning, the Institute of Seatransport has organised with the Hong Kong City University and the Transport and Physical Distribution of Vocational Training Council to upgrade and create the Diploma Course in Shipping and Logistics Management in the year of 2002 for the industries. The first diploma course commenced in January 2003.

Sea Transport Conference

The first Asian Seatransport Conference (APSCO) was held in Hong Kong by the Institute on 25-26 June 1987, to discuss the “Containerization Development in the Far East”.

On 6-7 October 1997, the Institute of Seatransport hosted the fourth APSCO conference in Hong Kong with the theme “Challenge in Shipping”. The conference celebrated the 10th anniversary of APSCO and the Institute was pleased to host the 10th anniversary celebration as it had hosted the initial conference. It also hosted the first

APSCO conference after the handover of Hong Kong to China in 1997.

Cross-Strait Conference

There were no conferences at all since the 4th APSCO on 7 October 1997. After 5 years, the Shenzhen Seatransport Association of China proposed a shipping conference for “Mainland, Taiwan and Hong Kong”. The Conference was successfully held in November 2002. This seemed that the continuation of APSCO, isn't it?

Hong Kong Maritime Industry Promotion and Fund Raising Day

The twelve organisations of Hong Kong Maritime Industry (HKMI), including the Institute of Seatransport which celebrated the 25th Anniversary at the time, jointly organised the HKMI Promotion and Fund Raising Day. The event served the purpose of promoting the strength, strong presence and unity of HKMI to the general public, to assist/encourage the younger generation to join HKMI. One of the purposes of fund raising is to put into a scholarship to the young generations who are keen to take maritime-related subjects or courses at selected tertiary institutions in Hong Kong.

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