



EXPRESS INFORMATION

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR IMO'S MARITIME UNIVERSITY



Alongside the 70th anniversary of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), in 2018, the World Maritime University (WMU) is this year celebrating 35 years since its foundation. WMU has a remarkable legacy of global maritime education and capacity building and an extensive network of leaders in the global maritime and ocean sectors with 4,654 WMU alumni from 167 countries.

WMU was officially established by the IMO on 1 May 1983 and inaugurated on 4 July 1983, with the financial support of the Swedish government, the City of Malmö, the United Nations Development Programme and private donations.

Today, WMU graduates are to be found in all parts of the maritime and port industries, and maritime academia. Some have occupied positions such as Prime Minister, government ministers, deputy ministers, ambassadors,



country representatives at IMO, presidents of maritime academies, while many others hold senior positions in their maritime and port administrations, as senior surveyors and in shipping companies, to name but a few. The current Secretary-General of the IMO and WMU Chancellor, Mr Kitack Lim, is a 1991 graduate of the University.





Marking WMU's 35th anniversary, Mr Lim stated: «WMU's work is indispensable for ensuring smooth and effective implementation and enforcement of IMO's shipping regulations. The University equipped generations of maritime leaders with the necessary skills to take on this important responsibility. WMU's 35th anniversary is a celebration of those 4,654 men and women who graduated from the University and went on to make an incredibly beneficial impact on shipping felt by all those who rely on the industry».

WMU's President, Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry, in marking this milestone stated: «As WMU celebrates its 35th anniversary, we applaud IMO for its vision when in 1983 it established this truly remarkable academic institution – a university for the world, dedicated to advance maritime education and research. As we look ahead, we will continue to enhance our education, research and capacity-building programmes to serve the needs of the maritime and wider ocean community, taking into account the impact of technology, innovation, regulatory developments and the importance of delivering the Sustainable Development Goals».

The University serves IMO and its mission, offering stakeholders unrivalled access to a global network of experts, knowledge and capacity-building while supporting governments, organizations and the industry worldwide. In addition to seven specializations available within the Malmö MSc programme, there are MSc programmes in Shanghai and Dalian, China; a joint Master of Philosophy (M. Phil.) programme in International

Maritime Law and Ocean Policy offered in cooperation with the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI); and a flexible PhD programme. Distance learning is available with several postgraduate diploma programmes and an LLM. In addition, WMU utilizes its extensive network of international maritime experts to deliver customized executive development courses at locations worldwide.

During this 35th anniversary year, WMU officially inaugurated the WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute on 8 May. The new Institute will act as an independent focal point for ocean-related dialogue and capacity-building. The Global Ocean Institute is founded on the vision of a platform where policy makers, the scientific community, regulators, industry actors, academics, and representatives of civil society can meet to discuss how best to manage and use ocean spaces and their resources for the sustainable development of present and future generations. The Global Ocean Institute has benefited from the generous support of The Nippon Foundation, the Governments of Sweden, the City of Malmö and Canada.

Representing the host country of Sweden, Ms. Isabella Lovin, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for International Development Cooperation and Climate, remarked on Sweden's support for UN SDG 14 and that Sweden is proud to host the University.

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