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### **13<sup>th</sup> Singapore Maritime Week Opens**

Connectivity, Innovation and Talent as drivers for future growth

The 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the Singapore Maritime Week (SMW), themed “Positioning for Future Growth – Driving Connectivity, Innovation and Talent”, was officially opened by Dr Lam Pin Min, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Transport and Ministry of Health, at the Suntec City North Atrium this afternoon.

2 “The annual Singapore Maritime Week is here again. This year, it comes at a time when change to the global maritime industry has gathered pace – from the rise of disruptive technologies and the entry of non-traditional players, to the demand for better safety and environmental standards. Against this backdrop, it is timely and useful for the maritime industry to hear from thought leaders on how we can overcome key challenges and seize new opportunities, so that we can collectively steer the maritime industry forward,” said Dr Lam.

#### **Learning about Maritime Singapore**

3 To generate greater public awareness of the maritime sector, SMW 2018 will also feature outreach activities highlighting Singapore’s vibrancy and diversity as a premier global hub port and leading international maritime centre.

4 From 21 to 29 April, the SMW Exhibition 2018, a key feature of SMW 2018, will be held at Suntec City North Atrium. Themed “Maritime Singapore. Future Ready”, visitors of all ages can gain insights into Singapore’s maritime industry and its plans to transform and become the Global Hub for Connectivity, Innovation and Talent.

5 A highlight at the SMW 2018 exhibition is “The Next Generation Port in the Making”, an exclusive feature on the upcoming Tuas Port. Through innovative project showcases, visitors can learn about the various technologies

that are transforming our maritime industry, such as remote pilotage and digital fleet management systems, as well as wearable technology which leverages augmented reality and biosensors.

6 Interactive exhibits will give visitors a chance to embark on a discovery journey and hear real-life stories of what drives people to join the maritime industry and how they develop a passion for what they do. Visitors can also participate in other interesting activities at the exhibition such as remotely piloting a boat or making 3D postcards and keychains.

7 Before the official opening of SMW 2018, participants of the Amazing Maritime Challenge also raced against time to complete tasks in different parts of Singapore that enabled them to learn more about the maritime industry.

8 Since its inception in 2006 with 2,800 participants, SMW has grown significantly. This year, more than 30,000 maritime professionals, including high-level delegates from port authorities, industry leaders and members of the public are expected to attend the 34 events lined-up for this year's SMW.

Annex A – Programmes of events organised by MPA that are open for media coverage

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### **About Singapore Maritime Week (21-29 April 2018)**

Driven by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore, Singapore Maritime Week gathers the international maritime community for a week of flagship conferences, dialogues, exhibitions and social events in celebration of all things maritime. The range of activities and events organised by MPA, industry stakeholders and research and educational institutions, as well as the cosmopolitan profile of participants, reflect the vibrancy and diversity of Singapore as a global hub port and leading international maritime centre.

For more information and the full calendar of events, please visit [www.smw.sg](http://www.smw.sg)

### **About the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)**

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) was established on 2 February 1996, with the mission to develop Singapore as a premier global hub port and international maritime centre (IMC), and to advance and safeguard Singapore's strategic maritime interests. MPA is the driving force behind Singapore's port and maritime development, taking on the roles of Port Authority, Port Regulator, Port Planner, IMC Champion, and National Maritime Representative. MPA partners the industry and other agencies to enhance safety, security and environmental protection in our port waters, facilitate port

operations and growth, expand the cluster of maritime ancillary services, and promote maritime R&D and manpower development.

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