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KLPL and SMF Sign MOU to Reinforce Strategic Partnership to Support Maritime Talent Development

KLPL to sponsor two scholarships per year from 2025 to 2027 and support internship; SMF to spearhead the marketing and outreach to the tertiary talent pool

SINGAPORE, 2nd October 2025 – "K" Line Pte Ltd. (KLPL), a Singapore-based subsidiary that is wholly owned by Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd. ("K" LINE), and the Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF) have reaffirmed their shared vision of cultivating future leaders in the maritime sector through the signing of a 3-Year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This strategic collaboration further reaffirms KLPL's commitment to continuously support the industry's talent pipeline development since 2007.

As part of the MOU, KLPL will strengthen its enduring partnership with SMF by sponsoring two (2) MaritimeONE scholarships per year from 2025 to 2027, as well as support the MaritimeONE Internship Programme. The administration and promotion of the scholarships and internships will be overseen by SMF, with candidate selection conducted jointly by both organisations.



The MOU was signed by Mr. Tsurukawa Takahiko, President & CEO, "K" Line Pte Ltd and Ms. Tan Beng Tee, Executive Director, Singapore Maritime Foundation.

“Since 2007, KLPL has provided scholarship sponsorship to 22 students to date, empowering students to pursue educational and professional aspirations within the maritime industry. Through this strong collaboration with SMF, the company reaffirms its dedication to cultivating a highly skilled workforce, reinforcing the long-term advancement and success of the maritime sector,” said **Mr Tsurukawa Takahiko**, President & CEO of “K” Line Pte Ltd.

KLPL has been a steadfast partner of SMF by contributing to the MaritimeONE scholarship since its inception in 2007. We highly appreciate this long and fruitful partnership, and look forward to doing more together as part of this MOU and beyond,” said **Ms Tan Beng Tee**, Executive Director of the Singapore Maritime Foundation.

About “K” Line Pte Ltd (KLPL)

Established in 2001, “K” Line Pte Ltd now operates a fleet of 100% Singapore Registered Bulk carriers and Tankers, which will continue to fulfil the global demands for transportation of raw materials. For details, please visit www.klpl.com.sg.

About Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF)

Established in 2004, the Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF) fosters public-and-private sector collaboration, promotes Singapore as an International Maritime Centre (IMC), and develops a talent pipeline and skilled workforce to position Maritime Singapore for continued growth. For more information, please visit www.smf.com.sg.

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