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AN APPEAL ON BEHALF OF THE WORLD MARITIME UNIVERSITY IS TO BE LAUNCHED

An international appeal on behalf of the World Maritime University is to be launched, C.P. Srivastava, Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and Chancellor of the University, announced recently.

The University is based at Malmö, Sweden. It provides maritime education at the highest level for students drawn primarily from developing countries. The World Maritime University's students and graduates represent more than 100 nations.

The University was established in 1983. The initiative stemmed from an IMO programme designed to promote the global implementation of a family of international conventions, concerned with safety at sea and protection of the marine environment.

The University provides MSc education for key individuals in the maritime countries — the decision-makers destined to make a major contribution to the future of the shipping industry. Some students are from the traditional shipping nations; they help to foster a unique exchange of knowledge and expertise.

Mr. Srivastava said: "The success of the University in its formative years is due to the strong support of many governments, international and national organizations, shipping interests and individual worldwide. We are extremely grateful for their help and support.

"As the University matures and enters a new phase of development, we look to the maritime industry to play a wider role in reinforcing its financial stability. Industry support for this unique global training venture will have a direct impact on the future efficiency and safety of international shipping services."

Mr. Srivastava continued: "Accordingly, a new appeal on behalf of the University is to be launched on September 21, on the occasion of 'World Maritime Day'. We will be inviting the industry to extend support in many ways, ranging from donations to the University's Capital Fund to the provision of Fellowships which provide for students

throughout their two-year course of study."

Editor's Note

Please find the enclosed information paper on the World Maritime University.

World Maritime University Information Paper

- The World Maritime University (WMU), based in Malmö, Sweden, was established in 1983 by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the specialized agency of the United Nations dealing with maritime affairs.
- The WMU was created with the primary objective of training senior personnel for maritime administrations, maritime training institutions, port authorities and commercial shipping companies in developing countries, who would be responsible for the implementation of IMO Conventions which establish global standards for maritime safety and pollution prevention.
- The WMU has a current student population of around 200 and over 400 graduates. Students and graduates represent more than 100 countries worldwide.
- The University offers two-year courses leading to MSc qualifications in seven subjects.

These are:

- General Maritime Administration
- Ports and Shipping Administration
- Maritime Safety Administration (Nautical)
- Maritime Safety Administration (Marine Engineering)
- Maritime Education and Training (Nautical)
- Maritime Education and Training (Marine Engineering)
- Technical Management of Shipping Companies

- To qualify for entry, a student must either be a Master Mariner or a Chief Engineer, or hold an academic degree. The average age of students entering the University is 35.
- The WMU is essentially a practical institution designed for students who have already proved their abilities and have been selected for further training and greater responsibilities. Courses include both classroom tuition and practical field training. Courses are structured to encompass:
 - Lectures
 - Tutorials
 - Projects
 - Demonstrations
 - Case studies
 - Field training
- The work at the University is directed by the Rector, Mr. Erik Nordström. He is assisted by a Vice-Rector, who also serves as Academic Dean, eight full-time course professors and seven lecturers. Academic staff represent 16 countries.
- The full-time academic staff is supplemented by many visiting professors and lecturers who serve the University without compensation. This allows the University to provide comprehensive coverage of each subject area, as well as giving students access to leading experts in the field.
- An international Board of Governors provides policy and financial governance. Its annual meetings are chaired by Mr. C.P. Srivastava, Secretary-General of the IMO and Chancellor of the WMU. Board members are chosen for their high standing within the world's shipping community and related areas and represent both developed and developing nations.
- The income of the University comes from voluntary contributions and fellowship income. The present annual budget is approximately US \$7 million. Over half the annual income comes from on-going contributions from Sweden

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(one-third of the budgeted costs), the United Nations Development Programme (US \$1.2 million in 1988) and Norway (US \$500 thousand), Finland (US \$176 thousand) and France (US \$100 thousand). Other contributions are in the form of fellowships. The major donors are the Federal Republic of Germany, Canada, Denmark, Japan/Sasakawa Fellowship Fund, the European Community and the Commonwealth Secretariat.

- WMU graduates occupy senior positions in the world's shipping community. They include the heads of maritime training institutions in the Philippines and in Fiji, the Director General of Shipping in Portugal and in Benin, senior advisers to Ministers in many developing countries and maritime attaches in a number of embassies worldwide.
- In addition to the two year courses offered by the University, 11 WMU Branches in different regions of the world provide short courses geared to specific technical training needs. Subjects covered range from search and rescue and five-fighting to teaching methodology.

Countries and Territories which
have sent students to the
World Maritime University
1983-1989

Algeria
Angola
Atingua and Barbuda
Argentina
Bahrain
Bangladesh

Barbados
Benin
Bolivia
Brazil
Burma
Burundi
Cameroon
Canada
Cape Verde
Chile
China
Colombia
Comoros
Congo
Costa Rica
Cook Islands
Cote d'Ivoire
Cuba
Cyprus
Democratic People's Republic
of Korea
Democratic Yemen
Ecuador
Egypt
Equatorial Guinea
Ethiopia
Fiji
Gabon
Gambia
Ghana
Greece
Guatemala
Guinea
Guinea Bissau
Guyana
Haiti
Honduras
India
Indonesia
Iran
Jamaica
Jordan
Kenya
Kiribati
Kuwait
Liberia
Libya
Madagascar
Malawi

Malaysia
Maldives
Malta
Mauritania
Mauritius
Mexico
Micronesia, Fed. States of Morocco
Mozambique
Namibia
Nicaragua
Niger
Nigeria
Oman
Pakistan
Panama
Papua New Guinea
Peru
Philippines
Portugal
Qatar
Republic of Korea
Samoa
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Saudia Arabia
Senegal
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Singapore
Somalia
Spain
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Sweden
Tanzania
Thailand
Togo
Trinidad & Tobago
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