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World Maritime firar fem år World Maritime celebrates five years

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Speeches of thanks and applause were very much in evidence when the World Maritime University celebrated its fifth anniversary in the City hall on Tuesday.

In the hall where the celebrations were held were gathered students and teachers from 97 different countries. This resulted in an exciting mixture of languages and skin colours. An exotic sight in a summery Malmö, but in fact simply any day at all at the World Maritime University in Citadellsvägen.

In their speeches Mr. C.P. Srivastava, Secretary-General of the IMO, International Maritime Organization and Chairman of the University Board, Erik Nordström, Rector and the Chairman of the Financial Board Joakim Ollen called attention to the uniqueness with the establishment of the school and of the first-five years which have been so successful.

The whole world is taking part ....

The whole world has taken part in this establishment, said C.P. Srivastava and he took care to point out how much people in Malmö and Sweden had meant for the foundation of the World Maritime University in Malmö. During the evening's anniversary dinner he received the Malmö City shield in silver from Joakim Ollen in appreciation of his own contribution in the establishment of the World Maritime University. The World Maritime University in Malmö has no other counterpart anywhere else in the world neither within shipping nor within any other subject. There the leading experts in the world teach for nothing and the students go straight into top positions in the countries when they have taken the degree.

300 students from approximately 100 countries, most of them from the third world, have taken their Master's Degree there. One of them is now in charge of maritime education for 50 000 students in the Philippines. Another has become manager for the largest port in Liberia and many are advisors to the Transport Ministers or experts in government offices.

The aim is that the poor countries should be able themselves to administer shipping within their waters. They should not be dependant on foreign consultants.
Subheading:

No coast

The administration in Burundi in East Africa in fact up to quite recently had no maritime section. But even if the country does not have its own coast there is still a need for people who know about shipping.

- Seventy per cent of our imports come by boat via Tanzania’s capital Dar-Es-Salaam and are transported by rail to Lake Tanganyika before they are shipped to Burundi, explains Louise Birasa who is in her second year at the maritime university. She is a lawyer and advisor in her country’s Ministry of Transport.

- To be able to manage the administration of foreign trade demands knowledge about shipping, as for example about the international conventions.

- The university comes under the auspices of the International Maritime Organization, IMO, which is situated in London. There the international rules concerning maritime safety, maritime environment and ship construction are drawn up.

- In many developing countries there is nobody who can implement the conventions. Thus there is a great risk that the divide between developed and developing countries will increase, says Erik Nordström, Rector of the Maritime University.

Picture to the left:

Just a couple of years ago the establishment of a maritime university was only a dream, explained Mr. C.P. Srivastava, who during the evening’s anniversary dinner was presented with Malmö City’s silver shield for his contributions in the founding of World Maritime University in Malmö.

Picture to the right:

At the World Maritime University maritime people from about a hundred countries around the world are studying. It is not only the teaching that is important explain Gunay Kilic from Turkey and Ebrima Jallow, Gambia.
Tacktal och uppläder var det gott om då World Maritime University firade sitt 5-årsjubileum i Rådhuset på tisdagen.


I sina tal framhöll Mr C P Srvastava, generalsekreterare i IMO, International maritime organisation och ordförande i universitetets styrelse, Erik Nordströms, rektor och kommunikations ordförande Joakim Ollen det unika med bildandet av skolans och de fem första åren som slagit väl ut.

Hela världen tar del

- Den här etableringen har hela världen tagit del av, sade C P Srvastava och poängterade noga hur mycket folk i Malmö och Sverige besökte för grundandet av World Maritime University i Malmö. Under kvällens jubileumsmiddag möttes han Malmö stads prövade i silver av Joakim Ollen som lock för hans egna insatser vid bildandet av det internationella sjöfartsuniversiteten.

Ingen kust

Administrationen i Burundi i Östafrika hade för att inte så länge sedan någon maritim sektor. Men även om landet inte har någon egen kust behöver det människor som kan sjöfartyg.

- Sjöfartyg procent av vår import kommer med båt via Tanzanias huvudstad Dar-es-Salaam och transporterar på järnväg till Tanganykajön innan den skeppas till Burundi, berättar Louise Birasa, som går andra året på sjöfartsuniversitetet.

Hon är jurist och rådgivare vid sitt lands transportministerium.

- För att klara administrativt av utrskifvandet krävs kunskaper om sjöfartyg, till exempel om de internationella konventionerna.

Universitetet sorteras under International Maritime Organisation, IMO, med sitt i London. Där utarbetas internationella regler om sjöfart, miljö till havs och fartygskonstruktioner.

- I många länder finns det ingen som kan tillämpa konventionerna. Därmed riskerar klyftan mellan i- och utlande att öka, säger Erik Nordström, rektor vid sjöfartsuniversitetet.

På World Maritime University studeras sjöfartstolk från hundratals länder runt om i världen. Inte bara undervisningens är viktigt, mena Gunmar Kåse från Turkiet och Edirne Jallow, Gambja.