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Shipowners have started providing a welcome and effective support to the World Maritime University. A generous donation of $10,000 has been made by Mr. A. J. Chandris, one of the leading shipowners of Greece.

The cheque was presented to Mr. C. P. Srivastava, Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization and Chancellor of the World Maritime University, at a ceremony attended by Mr. Chandris, who is the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to IMO (shown on the left), His Excellency Mr. T. Panayides, High Commissioner for Cyprus in London (second from left) and Captain R. G. Lewis, Maritime Attaché of Cyprus.

It is the first time that a shipowner has made a donation to the World Maritime University which was inaugurated in Malmö, Sweden, in July 1983, with the major objective of training the high-level national maritime experts needed by developing countries for the effective promotion of maritime safety, the efficiency of international maritime navigation and the prevention of pollution from ships. Mr Srivastava said that he was absolutely delighted with the donation and expressed his very warm thanks and appreciation to Mr. Chandris. He said the donation is a great symbol of the excellent spirit of understanding between all concerned in IMO. He expressed the wish that such an example of generosity and positive support may be followed by other shipowners and the shipbuilding industry in order to ensure the financing of an institution which will undoubtedly make a most valuable contribution to the shipping industry and to the whole maritime sector.