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WORLD MARITIME UNIVERSITY STUDENT COUNCIL
Citadellsvägen 29, S-201 24 MALMÖ, Sweden

Malmö, 9 December 1986

PRESS INFORMATION

71 Students from 50 countries graduate from WMU today

The third group of students from the World Maritime University receive their Master of Science degrees at a ceremony to be held in the Town Hall of Malmö, Sweden. The University, which is based in Malmö, Sweden, is operated under the auspices of IMO.

The Student Council of the World Maritime University, which is the students' body composed of 170 students from 80 developing countries, joins in the solemn investiture of the Class of 1986.

Diplomas will be presented by the Secretary-General of IMO, Mr. C.P. Srivastava, who is also Chancellor of the University.

The WMU

The World Maritime University provides high level training to students who, at the time of their admission, are usually employed as 1) master mariners, 2) chief engineers, 3) naval architects, 4) senior government officials engaged in maritime affairs, 5) senior government officials engaged in ship inspection, 6) senior technical and managerial staff of shipping companies, 7) senior officers dealing with navigational aids and electronics, 8) maritime pilots, 9) specialists in maritime legislation or senior economists, 10) senior technical managers of ports.

The University is designed to offer them advanced training which is not available elsewhere, in a number of fields (such as general maritime administration, maritime education, technical management of shipping companies and maritime safety administration).

The WMU opened in July 1983 and the first group of students graduated in July 1985.

The next group of students graduated last December 10, 1985 also in the same Town Hall of Malmö, Sweden.

The possibility of establishing an international centre for providing advanced training had been discussed in the 1970s and in 1981 the IMO Assembly - the Organization's governing body - adopted a resolution backing the proposal. The Government of Sweden and the City of Malmö offered excellent building facilities in Malmö and financial assistance to meet a part of the annual running expenditure. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) offered additional support. IMO was asked to make preparations for the establishment of the University and completed the task so rapidly that it was officially inaugurated on July 3, 1983.

The WMU Students

The largest class which enrolled at the World Maritime University is the Class of 1987. It consisted of 85 students, compared with 72 in 1983, 65 in 1984 and 81 in 1985.

Six new countries are represented in the Class of 1987 - Burundi, Congo, Guyana, Lebanon, Seychelles and Uruguay - bringing the total number of countries so far represented to 80. The total number of countries represented by region:

<u>Region</u>	<u>Total No. of Countries</u>	<u>Number of students who entered in</u>			
		<u>1983-1986</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>
Africa	28	25	23	28	28
Arab States	13	11	6	18	17
Asia & Pacific	16	12	19	16	20
Latin America & Caribbean	20	18	15	17	19
Europe	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	<u>80</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>85</u>

The Courses

Student enrolment is shown below:

<u>Courses</u> §	<u>Number of students enrolled in</u>				<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	
GMA	23	27	32	41	123
MSA(N)	14	5	11	12	42
MSA(E)	6	12	6	8	32
MET(N)	10	5	4	11	30
TMS	10	12	15	10	47
TOMSA	-	1	7	-	8
TESSC	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5</u>
TOTALS	<u>72</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>303</u>

- §GMA -- General Maritime Administration
- MET(N) - Maritime Education and Training (Nautical)
- MET(E) - Maritime Education and Training (Engineering)
- MSA(N) - Maritime Safety Administration (Nautical)
- MSA(E) - Maritime Safety Administration (Engineering)
- TMS - Technical Management of Shipping Companies
- TOMSA - Technical Officers Engaged in Maritime Safety Administration
- TESSC - Technical Staff of Shipping Companies

Developments at WMU

Admissions for Class 1988 - There is a good response from nominating governments. Some applications have been received from developed countries and it is hoped that some developed countries' students will be considered in the Class of 1988. These applications were received from the host Government of Sweden, Spain, Greece, and Turkey.

Early last month, 25 students for Class of 1988 arrived and attended the English Language Course at the University.



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The countries represented by the 25 students are:
Argentina (2), Burundi (1), Colombia (1), Congo (1), Dem.
Yemen (4), Guatemala (1), Guinea (1), Indonesia (2), Libya
(2), Mexico (3), Mauritania (1), Nicaragua (1), Panama (1),
Qatar (1), Venezuela (1), Zaire (2).

Two students from Turkey had arrived last Sunday, 7
December 1986.

This makes the total students attending the English
Language Class to 27.

It is expected that more than fifty students more will
arrive early March of 1987 when the regular class for all
students, including the students taking up the English Class,
will commence.

The maximum student enrolment is 200 although this limit
has not yet been reached since the establishment of the WMU
on July 3, 1983. With the promising response from nominating
governments or entities, for the 1988 admission, the ceiling
could easily be attained.

The University concentrates on two-year courses leading
to the award of the Master of Science degree. All instruction
is in English, and the subjects taught are: a) General Marit-
ime Administration, b) Maritime Safety Administration (Naut-
ical and Engineering), c) Maritime Education (Nautical and
Engineering), d) Technical Management of Shipping Companies.

The University has a full time academic staff. The staff
members are from Egypt, France, India, Japan, Norway, UK,
USA, and West Germany. The staff members are assisted by
lecturers and English teachers. Mr. Erik Nordström of Sweden
is the Rector and Mr. Gunther Zade of West Germany is the
Vice Rector.

Mr. C.P. Srivastava has been the "initiator", the "ori-
ginator", of the WMU, with the strong backing from the UNDP
Administrator. The Government of Sweden and the City of Malmö
have contributed the financial assistance and land, buildings,
hostel facilities and recreational accommodations of the
highest standard.

The Governments of Norway, West Germany, and other
countries, both developed and developing, donors and phil-
anthropists, either natural or juridical, persons, friends
of the World Maritime University, and other anonymous en-
tities, contributed financial, expertise, and other re-
sources .

A special feature of the University is the use of visit-
ing professors. The University has built up a roster of ex-
perts in a wide variety of subjects. They are invited to Malmö
to lecture on their specialty. In this way, the students can
learn from the world's leading authorities in each field.

The University arranges a programme of field trips and
on-the-job training to centres in other countries.

The Benefits

For IMO and the shipping community in general, the benefits
will be felt in the next few years.

These graduates will return to their post able and competent to apply their newly acquired expertise in their chosen field for the benefit of the entire shipping industry.

The Graduation and the Graduates

The preparation for the graduation has been given the utmost study and consideration to equal to solemnity of the occasion. At the center stage of the preparation is our Rector, Mr. Eric Nordström of the host country (Sweden), with the active involvement of the faculty, staff and students.

There are guests, of course, and a galaxy of personalities witnessing the occasion. Foremost are Mrs. Lena Hjelm-Wallén, Minister for International Development Co-operation, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden; Doctor Cutbert Joseph, Minister of Transport and Public Utilities, Trinidad and Tobago; Mr. Percy Liedholm, Chairman, Malmö City Council and Member of the Board of Governor of the WMU, Mr. Ivar Sandvik, Deputy Chairman, Board of Governors, WMU. The Rector and Vice-Rector, Mr. G. Zade (West Germany) will join them in the Platform Party.

After a brief ceremony, consisting of the academic procession and messages from the personalities, the Rector will present to the Chancellor of the University, Mr. C. P. Srivastava, who is also Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), those members of the Class of 1986 who have been certified by the Faculty of the University to have completed all requirements for the Master of Science Degree.

In turn, the Chancellor will confer upon those members of Class of 1986 the degree of Master of Science according to their individual curricula in the fields of Maritime Safety Administration, Maritime Education and Training, General Maritime Administration and Fleet Management.

The graduation is the climax and consummation of a two-year tireless efforts and dedication of these great people from more than 60 developing countries.

Your example is worth an emulation by us who will be left behind and by those who will come after us. We are very proud of you since we feel a part of you, this great institution, its people, and we have the same goals and objectives to make this world a community of peace, quiet and tranquility.

The graduation is not the last of all that one has completed. It is just the commencement of a greater task ahead in your home country.

The Student Council Chairman appeals to all the graduates to make a continuing link with the University and the University Administration underlines the importance of the graduates who can inform back their Alma Mater through their Alumni Asso-



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ciation, on their present status.

Our host city, the City of Malmö has become part and parcel of the students' life during his stay in this great and clean city. And when one left, his heart aches.

By tradition, Mr. C.P. Srivastava will be the center of attraction equalling, if not surpassing, the graduates. The graduates consider Mr. C.P. Srivastava the "initiator", the "originator", the "doyen" of the World Maritime University, besides the "IMO" man. He is a diplomat par excellence because he is able to marshall the resources of of the world, both intellectual and material, to establish a world university dedicated to the developing maritime countries.

It is indeed rare at this time and clime to find a man like him whose concern with the students' welfare can be matched only by the love of parent to a child. It is also fortunate and providential that developed countries, led by our host country (Sweden) and host city (Malmö), accepted the idea of a World Maritime University, which is a reality.

One graduating student remarks that he comes to the Sweden without being acquainted first on how the Swedes look like and on their traits. Now he said "I think that Swedes act and behave like a catsup". "If you shake the catsup, it will not respond. But if you stop shaking it, it starts to respond." And, he added, "it will not stop flowing".

It is therefore of no exaggeration to say that there are around 50 Swedish families of different professions who opened their homes to students from the University for a visit.

Early next year, the Student Council will stimulate the interests of the students to pay their respects and visits to these families. The Social Committee had received several invitations of like nature from the Rotary Club members of the City of Malmö.

Perhaps, the students will prefer a meeting with the people first before they pay a visit. In that case, the new leadership will arrange such meeting, if it is feasible.

For the graduates and those who mind to emulate them, our message is a quote:

"Willingness to be taught what we do not know is the sure pledge of growth both in knowledge and wisdom". - Blair

"We must open the doors of opportunity. But we must also equip our people to walk through those doors". - Lyndon Johnson

N.B. The above are personal opinions of the Student Council Press Committee. Inquiry to L. V. Pia, Committee Chairman, J.P. Bebiano, A.K. Dhir, G. Mokiwa, O. Morales, Z. Yusof, members.

