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The World Maritime Day is celebrated every year in every country that is a member of the International Maritime Organization whose headquarters is in London. The organization whose main task is to work for safer shipping and cleaner oceans selected GLOBAL COOPERATION as the theme of the World Maritime Day this year.

World Maritime University, WMU in Malmö celebrated the World Maritime Day on 2 October, with a gathering at the Technical and Maritime Museum where a ceremony was held with participants from the Board of Shipping and Navigation, IMO and the Department of Communications and the Municipality of Malmö.

IMPORTANT ROLE

In a message from Mr. C.P. Srivastava, the Secretary-General of the organization, in honour of World Maritime Day, he emphasised the importance WMU in Malmö has had in order to be able to realize the theme of this year.

WMU in Malmö with its slightly more than 300 students who are undergoing training or who have been trained from a total of 80 different nations are functioning in line with the intentions of the UN to reach peaceful cooperation among the nations of the world. Concurrently with the fact that an increasing number of students are leaving the University in Malmö, a global network for effective cooperation among all nations concerning maritime matters is therefore being created.

After the celebration at the Technical and Maritime Museum where many students in honour of the day had gathered, WMU invited the visitors for a tour of the University which had earlier been the College of Navigation in Malmö. It was here possible to become familiar with the bridge, radar equipment and simulators and at the same time talk to the students and get their opinion on their training and stay in Malmö.

THE FIRST WOMAN FROM SENEGAL

Coumba Ly Seck from Senegal has already been in Malmö for 10 months and she is currently studying General Maritime Administration at WMU. She is hoping to get a good job in the Senegalese equivalent to our Board of Shipping and Navigation when she graduates in fourteen months.

- Actually, I am the first female student from Senegal here at the University in Malmö and I cannot but recommend this to my female compatriots who hopefully will follow me, she says laughing.
REWARDING TIME

Coumba's male colleague, Andrew Amoako from Ghana, is of the opinion that the seven months he has already experienced, has really whetted his appetite!

- My period of studies in Malmö amounts to a total of two years but new things are happening all the time in my field of studies therefore I wonder whether or not three years would have been needed in order to absorb everything. Andrew who came to WMU with a nautical background is studying Maritime Safety Administration and he thinks that the courses are very rewarding. Andrew Amoako has a somewhat more neutral attitude of Malmö,

- a nice city to study in, but perhaps a little difficult to get in contact with people outside the University and his fellow students.

Photos 1. Mr. Erik Nordström, the Rector of the World Maritime University, in the speaker's chair on the World Maritime Day.

Photo 2. Benja Pukkamaan from Thailand studies Maritime Administration at WMU in Malmö.

Photo 3. Coumba Ly Seck from Senegal and Andrew Amoako from Ghana are both attending their first year at the World Maritime University in Malmö.