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World Maritime University – An international appeal on behalf of the university is to be launched said C P Srivastava, secretary general of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) and chancellor of the university in a recent announcement.

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

Mr. Srivastava said: "The success of the university in its formative years is due to the strong support of many governments, international and national organisations, shipping interests and individuals worldwide. 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."

The university offers two-year courses 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); and 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.