

SPEECH BY MR BRUCE POH, DIRECTOR & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ITE, AT MOU SIGNING CEREMONY BETWEEN ITE AND TALL SHIP ADVENTURES PTE LTD ON TUESDAY, 27 JANUARY 2015, AT THE ROYAL ALBATROSS

Mr Sam Tan, Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth

Mr Pete Pela, Managing Director, Tall Ship Adventures Pte Ltd

Distinguished Guests

Ladies and Gentlemen

Introduction

1 Good evening. I am delighted to be here this evening to formalise our collaboration with Tall Ship Adventures Pte Ltd. This is indeed a very beautiful ship. I'm pleased to see that our students have this opportunity to be equipped with skills in such an authentic environment.

2 We have just witnessed a very exciting rig demonstration by our students earlier. I've heard from the lecturers, too, that these students are very passionate about their work and

training. During their stint with Tall Ship, some have even insisted on coming back on their days off! Their interest and passion encourage us each time we forge new collaborations with our industry partners.

First Education Institution to Partner Tall Ship

3 We are very honoured to be Tall Ship's first education institution partner in the area of **Yacht Crew and Passenger Services** training. With yachting gaining traction in Singapore, the demand for such services is what led ITE and Tall Ship to enter into a three-year partnership.

4 As part of the collaboration, our **Passenger Services** students have a chance to vie for **scholarships** that will earn them the internationally-recognised **Competent Crew Certification and Passenger Management in the Yachting Environment Certificates**. So our students not only get to learn new and unique skills, they also have one more career pathway to choose from when they graduate.

5 Today, I'm pleased that we have **17 students** on board with their parents and loved ones. They have successfully completed their training and will be receiving their certificates today. I am confident that this marks the beginning of a successful collaboration between ITE and Tall Ship.

Conclusion

6 I would like to thank Guest-of-Honour, **Mr Sam Tan**, for officiating at this event today. And much credit goes to **Mr Pete Pela, Captain Mark Rothwell**, and their highly-competent and professional crew, for their strong commitment to co-invest in developing our youths for the Super Yacht industry, and making this collaboration a reality.

7 Thank you.