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IBIA's Chong Kam Wah retires

One of the architects of the International Bunker Industry Association's (IBIA) Asian expansion, Singapore based Chong Kam Wah, has retired after six years as its regional manager. He had been overseeing the transition to the recently appointed regional manager Kwok Fook Sing, but will now no longer be involved in the day to day running of the association's Singapore branch. He remains a non-executive director of the board of IBIA (Asia).

Whilst at IBIA, Kam Wah had been an integral part of the growth and success of the Asia branch, in particular setting up the Bunker Cargo Officers course, as well as running numerous seminars in the region on topics such as the revision of ISO 8217 (2010) and MARPOL Annex VI.

The Chief Executive of IBIA, Ian Adams said:

"In the 6 years that Kam Wah has worked for IBIA he has shown a dedication to the Association which has gone beyond the call of duty. He has contributed greatly to the raising of IBIA's profile, not just with respect to potential members but also with the authorities. He has as a result seen the regional membership grow from 39 members in 2005 to 97 today. He has been a great asset to the Association, and we are delighted that he will still have a presence at IBIA as a non-executive director."

Kam Wah said:

"I was privileged to have the stewardship of Chief Executive, Mr Ian Adams, and support from my colleagues in the secretariat and I would like, to each and every one of the committee members past and present, including Mr Douglas Raitt (immediate past chair), Mr Simon Neo (current chair) and Mr Daniel Phua (vice chair), to record my personal appreciation for their valuable contributions and counsel.

I am also thankful to industry leaders who have enabled IBIA, through their support and generosity, amongst other things, to set up a bursary fund for eligible students to undertake industry-centric and IBIA approved training programmes. I am also very grateful to the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore for their readiness to hear out and address issues and consider suggestions for business improvements from the industry through IBIA.”

He added:

“Moving forward we continue to grow our regional presence, connect with other industry stakeholders and port authorities, develop and implement training and professional development programmes and organise networking events to better serve members and the industry workforce.

I am confident that Mr Kwok Fook Sing, will continue to receive the same degree of support from all stakeholders which were extended to me. I have no doubt that he, together with the executive committee; will be able to bring IBIA Asia to the next level of performance in the region. I remain passionate about the industry and as a non-executive director of IBIA Asia I will continue to contribute in the branch executive committee and other industry-level committees, albeit, at a more informal pace.”

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About IBIA

The International Bunker Industry Association (IBIA) exists to provide an international forum to address the concerns of all sectors of the international bunker industry; to represent the industry in discussions and negotiations with national and international policy makers, legislators and other groups and bodies; to review, clarify, improve, develop and endorse where appropriate, industry methods, practices and documentation; to increase the professional understanding and competence of all who work in the industry; to provide services and facilities for members and others as the Board shall from time to time consider appropriate.

IBIA gained consultative status with the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) in November 2005 and is represented at all relevant meetings.

IBIA actively seeks to involve its members through its Annual Convention by educating and motivating members to conclude on major issues and topics of the time, creating the “IBIA Position” to present to IMO.

IBIA champions the continued development of professionals within the bunker industry through its Bunker Courses and its Bunker Cargo Officer qualification.

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