



## SMOU Luncheon

Singapore Maritime Officers' Union (SMOU) celebrated its biggest Annual Lunar New Year Luncheon and Hong Bao Presentation with a total of almost 1,350 guests comprising of seniors from community homes, senior residents, SMOU senior members, tripartite partners and guests from the shipping community. ASP Ships Group Crewing Director Vitalii Chaika, Crewing & Agency Manager Zulkifli Umar,

Crewing & Agency Executive Fashli Jamil and Mission to Seafarers Singapore Port Chaplain Toh Soon Kok were among the guests.

The event was graced by Guest-of-Honour Josephine Teo, Minister for Manpower and special guest Ng Chee Meng, NTUC Secretary-General.



SMOU further lived out its core values of Caring and Sharing with the presentation of Hong Baos to over 700 senior citizens from SMOU, Henderson Home, Care Community Services Society, Hope Community Services Centre, Jamiyah Home for the Aged, Bishan North Constituency, Punggol North Constituency and Jalan Besar.

## NEW crewing agreements

ASP Crew Management Group have signed crewing agreements with Alpha Adriatic d.d. for Bulk Carriers *Veruda*, *Punta*, *Valovine* and Oil-Chemical Tankers *Verige* and *Champion Istra*. This is in addition to the existing crewing agreements for Bulk Carrier *Stoja* and Oil-Chemical Tanker *Champion Pula*.

Alpha Adriatic d.d. is a shipowning and ship management company with headquarters in Pula, Croatia. The Company, established in 1986, has history and expertise in managing general cargo between deck vessels, supramax bulk carriers, passenger vessels and chemical and product tankers. Since 1997, the Company has provided ship management services to third parties and is currently looking to further focus and expand these activities, together with the ASP Ships Group.

Cooperation with ASP Ships Group commenced in 2005, initially with ASP offices in Oslo and Mariehamn and continued with ASP Ship Management Singapore Pte. Ltd. since 2008.

Mr. Damir Petricevic, Human Resource Manager of Alpha Adriatic d.d., said: "During 15 years long partnership, while facing many market related challenges, we developed very strong personal and professional ties with our colleagues from ASP Ships Group, we learned from each other and learned to rely and depend on each other. Mr. Vojko Braut and Mr. Damir Pilepic were certainly instrumental in building our mutual trust and understanding, as were Capt Walker and his colleagues. Our jointly organized officers' conferences in Croatia helped to improve our understanding, maritime and management skills and proved how important it is to have a trustworthy and reliable partner by one's side. We look forward to continuing our cooperation for many years to come."

