

# MPA signs deal to train more global maritime leaders

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THE Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) is aiming to train more global maritime industry leaders even as it tries to develop the local maritime workforce further.

The authority's training arm, MPA Academy, on Wednesday inked a memorandum of understanding to work on leadership development programmes with the World Maritime University, a post-graduate university set up in 1983 by the International Maritime Organization (IMO). The academy and the university may also exchange faculty members, as part of the deal.

Minister for Transport Lui Tuck Yew also said in a speech on Tuesday that MPA will be introducing a career conversion programme for locals to switch to the maritime industry midway through their career, pointing to a "shortage of both seafaring and shore-based maritime manpower, even in nations with a rich seafaring heritage".

Speaking at the opening of the Sea Asia 2015 maritime convention, held at Marina Bay Sands as part of the 10th annual Singapore Maritime Week, Mr Lui said government maritime policies would remain "pro-business" to retain and attract firms here.

Maritime Week events this year included a lecture by shipping industry titan CC Tung, chairman of Hong Kong-based shipping group Orient Overseas (International) Ltd.