

15 foreign officials attend MPA Academy programme

THE training arm of the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) launched a new programme for overseas port and maritime officials yesterday.

The five-day Port Management Programme, which runs until Friday, was developed for port masters, harbour masters and middle managers from various maritime and port authorities.

It covers a broad range of topics related to the maritime industry, such as vessel traffic management, emergency planning and response, port security and crisis communications.

There are 15 officials from around the world at this week's programme. The participants are recipients of the MPA Academy Training Award, which covers their programme fees, airfare and accommodation.

Developing maritime talent is a "common denominator that cuts across different maritime nations", said MPA chief executive Andrew Tan. "We are happy to share our experiences and insights in port operations and management, as well as the opportunities and challenges we face as a global hub port, quality flag state and coastal state of a major international waterway."

Mr Saungaki Rasmussen, a harbour master from the Cook Islands Ports Authority, said the programme will aid his work in developing small island ports in the Pacific and in his homeland.

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