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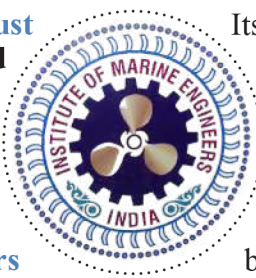
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IME(I) Opens Overseas Chapters

Saturday 20th August 2022 was a Red Lettered Day in the history of 'The Institute of Marine Engineers (India) [IME(I)]' when it simultaneously opened three overseas chapters in London, Singapore, and Hong Kong.

The opening of these International Chapters of IME(I) marked a fresh approach to research on the intersection between marine engineering and maritime interests of a modern India since the formation of the Institute on 19 Jul 1972, as the India Division Council of The Institute of Marine Engineers (IMarE), London.

IME(I) registered initially on 29 Oct 1977 under 'The Societies Registration Act 1860' at Mumbai has grown into India's largest



Its membership is spread across 15 countries from the merchant marine and the Indian / Sri Lankan Navy with over 150 overseas Members.

The opening of these branches was done in a hybrid mode with clockwork precision wherein Mr. Vikrant Rai, Engineer & Ship Surveyor-cum-Deputy DG (Tech) inaugurated the Chapters digitally at MCA Club, Mumbai in absence of Dr. Amitabh Kumar, DG Shipping. Over 200 invitees, dignitaries and members graced the occasion including those attending virtually from pan-India and abroad in different time zones. Mr Rai while congratulating IME(I) on this landmark step towards global outlook, urged the overseas Chapters to contribute to the knowledge quest of IME(I) and the Directorate, and hoped

gathering. While welcoming the past presidents, in an earnest Opening Address, Mr Vijendra Kumar Jain, President IME(I) highlighted the journey and efforts by earlier teams at IME(I) and the present dispensation to realize this big achievement. Stressing on the continuation of the silent efforts of countless marine engineers to strengthen the Core Values of IME(I), Mr V.K. Jain laid the road map for its future growth and sought the support of its members, wider maritime community and the Directorate General of

Shipping in specific to spread marine engineering knowledge and country's prowess globally.

The founding chairmen of overseas chapters soon followed suit. Speaking from London, Mr Vijay Jain Chairman of the United Kingdom Chapter thanked all present and expressed his gratitude to past office bearers of the Institute who have been instrumental in keeping this initiative of starting international chapters on their agenda for over two decades.

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Marine Engineering body with a strength of over 11,000 Members from both sexes spread globally both on ships and ashore. With the opening of international chapters in Singapore, United Kingdom and Hong Kong, the Institute today stands at 8 Branches, 5 Chapters in India and 3 Chapters overseas.

that the overseas chapters would enable larger participation from the international community at events in India.

The event was conducted by Cmde. Bhupesh Tater (Retd.), Honorary General Secretary of IME(I) who called upon its President to address the

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Making a specific mention of **Mr B Saraswat, Mr RC Bhavnani and past presidents, Mr Vijay Jain** lauded the efforts in overcoming the challenge of opening the Chapter in UK which is considered to be the mother of modern maritime industry. He assured the gathering that these efforts would continue tirelessly with the support of **Members from UK and Mr Mazumdar.**

In a short and succinct message **Mr Jagmeet Makkar, Chairman of the Hong Kong Branch** present virtually with his newly formed team also highlighted the efforts of members overseas over the last four decades to keep the flame alive on being associated with IME(I). He laid down his plans for sharing and spreading of knowledge from Hong Kong and pondered that

soon more marine engineers of non-Indian origin would aspire to be members of IME(I). Supporting these views, the **Chairman of the Singapore Chapter, Mr Kaushik Kumar Seal** assured that his team would leave no stone unturned to increase the overseas membership. He expressed his confidence that IME(I) and its overseas chapters would collaborate with more vigor to strengthen and enhance the capability of the international maritime community in times to come, on the basis of the feedback received by him and his interaction with other international events.

Informing all present, **Mr Arun Kumar Gupta, the** Chairman on IME(I)'s International Relations Sub-Committee (IRSC). Thanking him and his entire team of IRSC, he invited Mr Gupta to share his experience of this endeavor. Recalling the difficulties faced as an office bearer in 2007, Mr A.K. Gupta drove home the point that the collaborative efforts of all stakeholders have enabled the simultaneous commencement of three overseas chapters. He stressed that despite the magnitude of this grand launch, IRSC would not rest and is already working on future growth, the next stop being Dubai. Expressing his happiness on opening, he thanked everyone present and sought the continued support of Mr. V.K. Jain in the future.

Mr Yatinder Nath, the Chairman of IME(I)'s Publicity Library and Website Sub-Committee (PLWSC) utilized the occasion to showcase

the potential of IME(I)'s latest digital endeavors to empower students and its members with knowledge and enhanced interaction. He brought out that as India celebrates Aazadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, IME(I) has digitized all its monthly editions of Marine Engineers Review (MER) since its inception, and nearly 400 priceless books on marine engineering are held in the IME(I) Library. With the launch of "i-Library", these books, numerous technical and non-technical maritime publications, and the MER would be available online to all Members of IME(I) and certain organizations with whom the IME(I) is in the process of sharing resources for the benefit of the maritime community. After highlighting various features of i-Library, Mr Nath also unveiled the rejuvenated "IME(I) i-Connect" mobile application covering the

database of over 20,000 members of IME(I). This latest version of the App would facilitate seamless connectivity amongst members of the IME(I) for social, technical, and personal exchange for a collaborative and cohesive fraternity.

Concluding the event and presenting the Vote of Thanks, **Mr Amit Bhatnagar, Vice President IME(I)**, announced that IME(I) Mumbai Branch's quadrennial flagship event **INMARCO will be held at Hotel Sahara Star, Mumbai from 17th to 19th November 2022.** Urging wider participation for INMARCO-2022 he thanked all stakeholders, invites present physically and on-line, print and digital media, staff/ office bearers of IME(I) - HO / PLWSC / IRSC / ITSC and the Mumbai Branch for the tremendous support provided, to make this event successful.

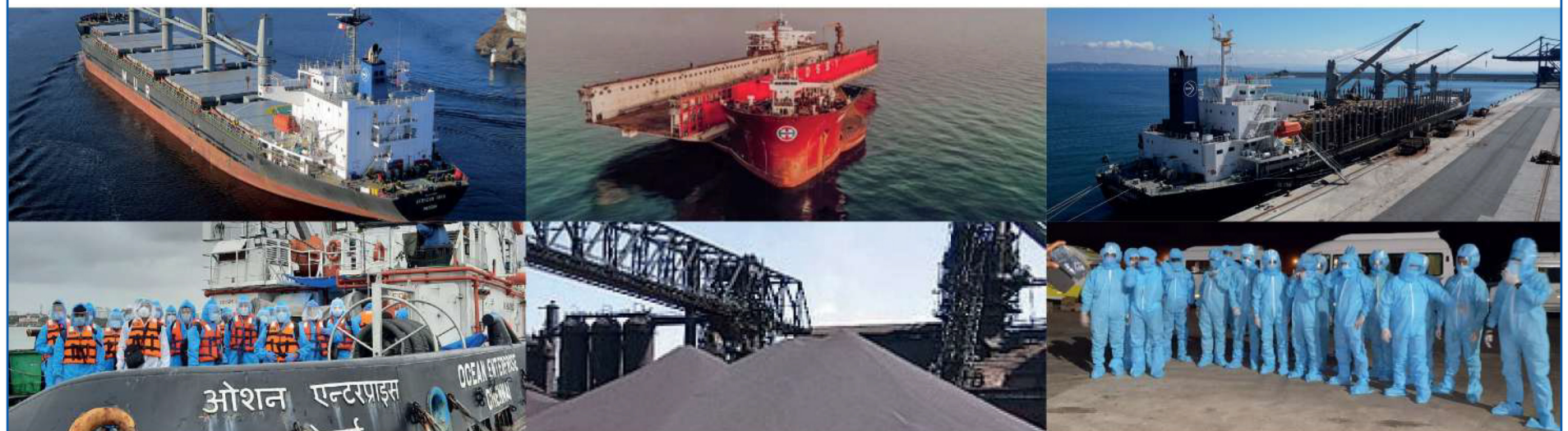


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