

## Shenzhen International Maritime Training Centre (SIMTC) Marks a Milestone: First Simulator Course Successfully Completed



Shenzhen International Maritime Training Centre (SIMTC) successfully hosted its inaugural simulator training course, an important milestone in our ongoing commitment to strengthening maritime competence through practical, experience-based learning. Developed in line with the IMO model courses and real-world decision-making, the course brought together experienced professionals and motivated senior officers to train in a realistic environment focused on enhancing critical operational skills.



Throughout the programme, participants practiced and refined competencies in areas including sound situational awareness in dynamic operational conditions, professional judgment for identifying unsafe conditions and potential risks early, proper use of navigational aids to support safe navigation and effective bridge decisions, clear and effective communication, including structured and assertive challenge-and-response techniques, decisive intervention when necessary, including timely decision-making and, where appropriate exercising overriding authority to prevent an incident or accident, and effective management of pilot interactions, ensuring safe, coordinated, and well-communicated operations

SIMTC received excellent feedback from representatives of participating shipping companies and the senior officers attending the course. Many participants highlighted the clear, structured, and focused guidance provided by SIMTC trainers. Through a series of simulation exercises, the senior officers gained valuable insight into their current strengths, areas for improvement, and practical next steps to further refine their bridge team performance and decision-making under pressure.



Looking ahead, SIMTC is eager to host additional simulator courses and welcome more participants. By continually investing in high-quality training and realistic simulation-based learning, we remain committed to building strong, professional maritime capability for the industry.