

Singapore Seafarers' Union (SOS) Delegation Visits SIMTC to Explore Advanced Training Partnerships

On August 6, 2026, Kam Soon Huat, President of the Singapore Seafarers' Union (SOS), led a 60-member delegation to the Shenzhen International Maritime Training Centre (SIMTC). The visiting group was warmly received by Terrence Zhao Wei, Chairman of Singhai Group; Mike Kee, Training Director of Singhai; and Capt. Wu Wen, General Manager of SIMTC. Amid the shipping industry's shift toward smart and green operations, the two sides discussed key issues: upgrading seafarer competencies, digital training, and welfare enhancement.



Advancing Seafarer Competency and Career Protection

Reflecting on the long-standing SOS-Singhai partnership, President Kam commended SIMTC's investment in advanced maritime training. "As the global shipping industry rapidly transitions toward smart and green operations, upgrading seafarer competencies and ensuring their career protection are more critical than ever," said Mr. Kam. "SOS looks forward to deepening our collaboration with Singhai in seafarer training and welfare to jointly navigate industry challenges."



Terrence Zhao Wei, Chairman of Singhai Group, emphasized that seafarers remain the industry's most vital asset. He noted that the establishment of SIMTC, following training centres in Nantong and Shanghai, marks a further strategic milestone for Singhai in maritime training. Equipped with China's most advanced Wärtsilä simulator cluster, SIMTC is designed to provide seafarers with an authentic, vessel-like training environment. Mr. Zhao stated, "Singhai will continue to refine our full-chain service system — from recruitment and training to career development. We look forward to partnering with SOS to create better career prospects for seafarers."

Immersive and World-Class Practical Training

Mike Kee, Training Director of Singhai, provided the delegation with a comprehensive overview of SIMTC's training framework. The centre's curriculum strictly aligns with both the China MSA certification standards and the IMO Model Courses, deeply replicating real-world maritime decision-making scenarios.



SIMTC features world-class equipment, including the Wärtsilä NTPRO 7000 full-mission bridge simulator, full-mission engine room simulator, liquid cargo and ballast water operation simulators, LNG/Methanol dual-fuel IGF simulator, and ECDIS simulators. These facilities enable highly realistic simulation of complex sea conditions and emergency situations. Supported by this immersive simulation environment and a team of senior industry instructors, SIMTC offers various statutory and value-added training courses for both officers and ratings, sharply honing core navigational and operational skills.



Accompanied by Capt. Wu Wen, the SOS delegation toured the simulator training centre. Under the guidance of instructors, team members experienced hands-on operation and spoke highly of SIMTC's realistic training environment and scenario-based curriculum.

Digitalization Across the Training Lifecycle

Pursuing digital solutions, SIMTC has partnered with Aisailings to integrate digital tools into training management. Eason Sun Kangming, Deputy General Manager of Aisailings, demonstrated how their digital platform builds a service ecosystem covering the entire career lifecycle of seafarers, bridging shipowners and seafarers for competency enhancement.



The SOS delegation's visit deepened mutual understanding of training practices and laid the groundwork for continued cooperation on advanced training and rights protection. Leveraging its Greater Bay Area location and world-class simulators, SIMTC will uphold international standards to provide quality training and cultivate talent that drives the maritime industry's high-quality growth.

