

A life jacket suitable for both adults and children to commence production (with photos)

To allow the maritime trade to get prepared for the marine safety enhancement measures that would be launched soon by the Government, the Marine Department (MD) today (September 6) met with trade representatives to introduce a life jacket developed by the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) which is suitable for both adults and children. The manufacturer was also present to explain the details of production of the life jacket.

The MD has in recent years been enhancing the regulatory regime for local vessels by enacting relevant legislation and implementing marine safety enhancement measures. These measures include enhancing the life jacket provision requirement on local vessels. A subsidiary consultancy company of the PolyU was commissioned by the MD in early 2015 to explore the feasibility of developing a type of life jacket that is suitable for both adults and children.

It has been found that this type of life jacket is technically feasible. The PolyU has already reached an agreement with the manufacturer and the production of the life jacket will soon commence. At the meeting, the trade representatives expressed appreciation for the development of the life jacket.

"This life jacket which is suitable for both adults and children will help the Government step up the regulatory work regarding marine safety, in particular for taking forward the enhanced life jacket provision requirement on local vessels. The Government has already commenced the trade consultations on the relevant proposed legislative amendments. The Local Vessels Advisory Committee will also be consulted on the legislative proposal later," said the spokesperson for the MD.



