

MD holds Maritime Carnival to celebrate 75th anniversary of founding of People's Republic of China (with photos)

The Marine Department (MD) organised the Maritime Carnival at the Hong Kong Maritime Museum (HKMM) at Central Pier No. 8 today (October 6) to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. Through a series of free family-friendly activities and display panels, the carnival aimed to enrich the public's understanding about the development of the maritime industry as well as to promote patriotic education to share the joy of celebrating the National Day with the public.

The opening ceremony of the carnival was graced by the Under Secretary for Transport and Logistics, Mr Liu Chun-san, who gave a welcoming speech. The event was officiated by the Director of Marine, Mr Wong Sai-fat. About 20 representatives from relevant supporting organisations of the carnival joined the ceremony to show their support.

The HKMM arranged guided tours to introduce the roles of various places of the shipping industry to the public. The Maritime Carnival also featured exhibition panels to display photos and related materials showcasing the history and development of the maritime industry in Hong Kong and the Mainland, especially the role of seafarers and their contributions to the maritime industry, thus promoting the nation's history and patriotic education to visitors, especially young people, nourishing their feelings of "Love our Country, Love Hong Kong, Love our Community".

Moreover, the public was able to learn more about the MD's work by viewing demonstrations of marine refuse and oil cleaning, and shipboard visits to the MD's patrol launch and hydrographic survey vessel. There were also fun-filled activities with maritime themes including a ship-handling simulator experience, games booths, marine movie and documentary screenings, a tattoo sticker experience, a photobooth, maritime-themed talks as well as underwater unmanned system challenge demonstrations.

