

Registration to activities at Maritime Carnival in celebration of National Day begins today

To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, the Marine Department (MD) will organise a Maritime Carnival at the Hong Kong Maritime Museum (HKMM) at Central Pier No. 8 on October 6 (Sunday). Through a series of family-friendly activities and display panels, the carnival aims to enrich public's understanding about the development of the maritime industry as well as to promote patriotic education.

The carnival will be held from 10.30am to 7pm and highlights will include two demonstrations of marine refuse and oil cleaning at 11.30am and 4pm, as well as shipboard visits to the MD's newly launched vessels, patrol launch "MARINE 1" and hydrographic survey vessel "HYDRO 2". The vessel visits will provide members of the public with a rare opportunity to view the equipment of the operation vessels up close. In addition, a ship-handling simulator will also be set up at the HKMM to provide citizens with an immersive opportunity to navigate a virtual boat journey through Hong Kong waters.

Persons interested in participating in either the shipboard visits to the MD's vessels or trying out the ship-handling simulator can register at the respective website starting from today (September 24) till 11.59pm on September 29 (Sunday). The registration form for shipboard visits can be found at the website forms.gle/GAFcfk3Sdmybnbiw66, and for the ship-handling simulator at forms.gle/X6gcLwfVFFs5syDw8. Registration is free and on a first-come, first-served basis. Successful registrants will receive a confirmation email on or before October 4.

Other interesting activities of the carnival include demonstrations of an unmanned underwater system challenge, marine movie screenings, a tattoo sticker experience, maritime-themed talks, game booths and guided tours of the HKMM.

All activities of the Maritime Carnival are free of charge. For more information about the carnival, please visit the website: www.hkmaritimemuseum.org/event-details/celebrating-the-75th-anniversary-of-the-founding-of-the-peoples-republic-of-china-maritime-carnival. For enquiries, please contact the HKMM at 3713 2500 during office hours.

Should there be adverse weather, for example, the Standby Signal No.1 or Red Rainstorm Signal to be issued by the Hong Kong Observatory at 8am on the event day, or the relevant signal is still in force at 8am on the event day, the Maritime Carnival will be rescheduled to October 13 for safety reasons. Visitors should regularly check the HKMM's website www.hkmaritimemuseum.org/ for the latest information.