

Partnerships Key to MI's Growth and Advancement

The Marine Institute (MI) continues to build on its culture of collaboration as it establishes partnerships with other colleges and universities around the world. In May, the institute signed memorandum of understandings (MOU) with three post-secondary institutions.

The first agreement, signed between MI and the Shanghai Maritime University, established programs of exchange and collaboration between the two institutions. The MOU affirms the commitment of both institutions to provide opportunities for faculty and students to work together in support of common objectives. It also represents the institutions' commitment to strengthening ties and building relationships between the two regions.

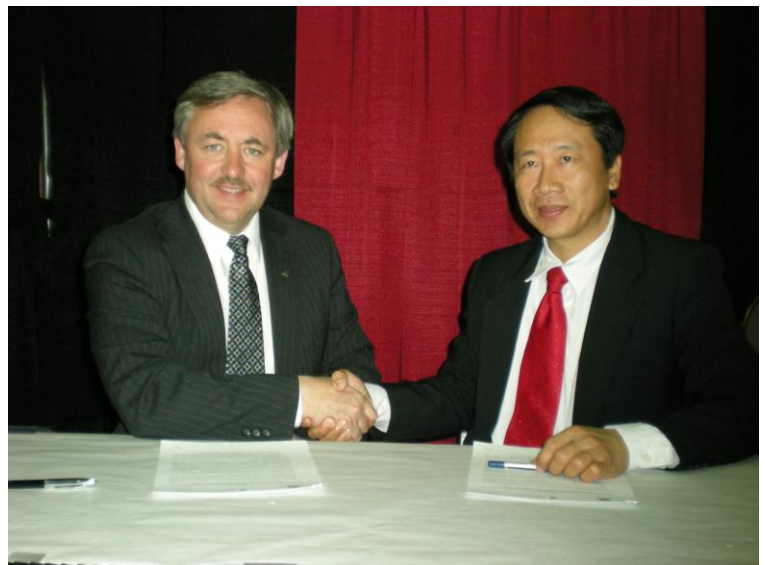


"We are delighted to be able to formalize and enhance our working relationship with Shanghai Maritime University," said Catherine Dutton, head of the Marine Institute's School of Maritime Studies. "We believe that our joint collaboration in research, development, education and training can help us enhance our capabilities in the maritime field."

Robert Escott (right) explains MI's safety and survival equipment to Shanghai Maritime University representative, Jin Yongxing. L-r: Jinghua Nie, international program coordinator, Jin Yongxing, Capt. Fred Anstey, instructor, School of Maritime Studies, Robert Escott, associate director, Offshore Safety and Survival Centre.

The MOU was signed by Catherine Dutton and Jin Yongxing from Shanghai Maritime University.

The second MOU, signed on May 27 at the Association of Canadian Community Colleges Conference (ACCC), held in Prince George, B.C. by Pham Tiet Khanh, rector, Tra Vinh University (TVU), Vietnam, and Glenn Blackwood, executive director, Marine Institute, builds on a long standing international relationship in the development of joint programming in



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aquaculture, food technology and food safety. The Marine Institute will also pursue the feasibility of establishing a Vietnam satellite office for the purpose of student recruitment, joint research and faculty and student exchanges. TVU and MI will also further develop TVU's outreach capacity in short course training, technology transfer and industrial research and development activities.

On May 27, Mr. Blackwood also met with Stephanie Forsyth, president of Northwest Community College (NWCC) in Terrace, B.C. to identify opportunities in which the two institutions could work together. A MOU was signed acknowledging that the two institutions would deliver training programs to students entering the marine transportation industry. It was also agreed that both would partner on training and technology transfer initiatives, professional development, students and faculty exchanges and research and development activities.

"The development of our two deep-sea ports will bring significant economic benefit to the region and as well as an increased need for transportation and logistical support," said Ms. Forsyth. "I'm looking to the experts to help get education and training programs up and running as quickly as we can. We know that the Marine Institute has a very good reputation not only nationally but worldwide and we want to draw on that expertise."



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