

EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MARITIME LAW

Venue: Grand Hyatt Hotel, Xinhai Square, Dalian PRC

Dates: 14-16 October, 2015

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Welcome Remarks

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen:

As President of China Maritime Law Association, it is indeed my singular pleasure to welcome you to attend the 8th International Conference on Maritime Law to be held from 14-16 October, 2015 in the "Northern Pearl" of China, the city of Dalian.

Six years have passed since the 7th conference was held in Shanghai. Looking back on the past six years, with the sustained recession of the global economy, the shipping industry experienced a difficult time to walk out of the trough at an extremely slow pace. However, in view of the current recovery of the United States economy and a gradual improvement of the global economy, the shipping market is showing signs of rejuvenation. Especially in China, the establishment of four pilot free trade zones in Shanghai, Guangdong, Fujian and Tianjin, the national strategy for the revitalization of the maritime industry, the development of the twenty-first century Maritime Silk Road jointly with other countries, and the comprehensive advancement of the rule of law, have made major strides towards the promotion and development of the Chinese and the global shipping industry.

Against this background, along with all my friends who are concerned with global shipping and maritime development, I sincerely feel that the moment has arrived for a rare opportunity together with responsibility for the advancement of shipping. Dear friends, I invite you to join this exciting maritime event. Your valuable knowledge and experience are crucial for the speedy recovery and onward development of the shipping industry and the enhancement of the international maritime legal order.

The topics to be addressed in this conference are as follows:

The Draft International Convention on Foreign Judicial Sales of Ships and their Recognition, cross-border maritime insolvency, the Rotterdam Rules, marine insurance, maritime safety, marine environmental protection, shipping finance, protection of seafarers' rights and interests, real rights in ships, limitation of liability, the contemporary conflicts of international maritime law and their resolution, and maritime litigation and arbitration. I believe that in-depth dedicated discussions on these important maritime issues will be highly instrumental in advancing both theoretical research as well as legal and judicial practice in maritime law, and promoting unification and integration of maritime law in diverse jurisdictions not to mention the positive role in strengthening cooperation in shipping, and maritime law and justice worldwide.

This conference is organized by the China Maritime Law Association. The Supreme People's Court of the People's Republic of China, Ministry of Transport of the People's Republic of China, China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, Sinotrans & CSC Holdings Co., Ltd., the People's Insurance Company (Group) of China Limited, China Ocean Shipping (Group) Company, China Shipping (Group) Corporation, All China Lawyers Association, Swansea University and Maritime Committee of All China Lawyers Association are the Co-organizers. Dalian Maritime University is responsible for the organization of the conference and all related matters.

Friends, the International Conference on Maritime Law hosted by the China Maritime Law Association is an event that fosters friendship and camaraderie, promotes cooperation and extends hospitality to the international shipping and legal fraternity. I sincerely look forward to meeting you in this golden autumn in the beautiful coastal city of Dalian!

02. Organizers & Committees

Host Organization:

China Maritime Law Association

Organizer:

Dalian Maritime University

Supported by:

The Supreme People's Court of the PRC

Ministry of Transport of the PRC

China Council for the Promotion of International Trade

Sinotrans & CSC Holdings Co., Ltd.

The People's Insurance Company (Group) of China Limited

China Ocean Shipping (Group) Company

China Shipping (Group) Corporation

All China Lawyers Association

Swansea University

Maritime Committee of All China Lawyers Association

Organizing Committee:

Chairperson: ZHAO Huxiang

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YAO Ping

SHAN Hongjun

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WANG Shumei

ZHANG Yaping

YANG Yuntao

LI Zhuyong

LI Li

YE Hongjun

SONG Dihuang

CHU Beiping

LI Zhiwen

Topic and Agenda Committee:

Chairperson: SI Yuzhuo

Vice-Chairpersons: YIN Dongnian

YU Shicheng

YANG Liangyi

Members:

WANG Yanjun

LI Yuquan

LI Hai

MENG Yuqun

ZHANG Yongjian

CHEN Bo

GUAN Zhengyi

HAN Lixin

Proshanto K. Mukherjee

03. Topics & Papers

1. The Draft International Convention on Foreign Judicial Sales of Ships and their Recognition ("Beijing Draft")
2. Cross-border Insolvency of Shipping Enterprises
3. Rotterdam Rules: Beyond Adoption
4. Marine Insurance Law: New Developments
5. Maritime Safety and Pollution Prevention
6. Shipping Finance
7. Protection of Seafarers' Rights: The Maritime Labour Convention in Perspective
8. Real Rights in Ships: Theory and Practice
9. Limitation of Liability: New Developments
10. Contemporary Conflicts of International Maritime Law and Resolutions
11. Maritime Litigation and Arbitration
12. Other Topics

Notes:

(1) The above is a list of suggested topics within the general theme of Maritime Law without any intention of restricting the scope or specificity of a particular topic. Queries or requirements, if any, should be directed to the Conference Secretariat details of which appear under "General Information".

(2) Deadline for submission of papers: 31 July, 2015.

(3) Papers to be submitted in English or Chinese (with English translation) in the following format:

Word-processing software: MS Word 2003 or above

Page length/Page width: 23cm/15cm

Page margin: top/bottom/left/right: 3cm/3cm/3cm/3cm

Line width: 18 Size: 11 Font: Arial (Imitation Song)

Length: no more than 10,000 words

(4) Papers to be sent as e-mail attachments to papers@icml2015.org.cn.

04. Conference Programme

Tuesday, 13 October, 2015

0900-2200 Arrival/Conference Registration

Wednesday, 14 October, 2015

0830-0930 Conference Registration

0930-1015 Opening Ceremony

1015-1045 Tea/coffee break

1045-1200 Session I

1200-1430 Lunch Break

1430-1545 Session II

1545-1615 Tea/coffee break

1615-1730 Session III

1800-2030 Welcome Reception

Thursday, 15 October, 2015

0900-1015 Session IV

1015-1045 Tea/coffee break

1045-1200 Session V

1200-1430 Lunch Break

1430-1545 Session VI

1545-1615 Tea/coffee break

1615-1730 Session VII

1800-2030 Dinner

Friday, 16 October, 2015

0900-1015 Session VIII

1015-1045 Tea/coffee break

1045-1200 Session IX

1200-1400 Lunch Break

1400-1700 Sightseeing

1800-2030 Dinner

Note: A visit to the Training Ship “Yukun” will be arranged for all participants and accompanying persons. Details will be announced in due course.

05. Registration & Fees

Foreign participants including those from Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan	Mainland China Participants
Registration Fees:	Registration Fees:
Before 15 August 2015 (inclusive): USD350 per participant or USD250 per participant under age 35; USD150 for each accompanying person.	Before 15 August 2015 (inclusive): RMB1600 per participant or RMB1200 per participant under age 35; RMB800 for each accompanying person.
After 15 August 2015: USD450 per participant or USD350 per participant under age 35; USD150 for each accompanying person.	After 15 August 2015: RMB2000 per participant or RMB1600 per participant under age 35; RMB800 for each accompanying person.
Please remit your registration fee by bank transfer to: Beneficiary's Bank: Bank Of China, Liaoning Branch, Dalian Hi-Tech Sub-Branch, Dalian China. Bank's Address: No.17a Huoju Rd Qixianling Industrial Base Of Dalian Hi-Tech Industrial Zone, Dalian, China Tlx: 86163 CDB CN Swift Code: BKCHCNBJ810 Beneficiary's Name: Dalian Maritime University A/C: 316856326082	Participants from mainland China, please remit your registration fee by bank transfer to: Beneficiary's Name: 大连海事大学 Beneficiary's Bank: 中国银行大连高新技术园区支行 Beneficiary's A/C NO: 316856326082

Please state your name and "Registration fees for the 8th International Conference on Maritime Law" as remittance information. It is recommended that you e-mail or fax the bank slip to the Secretariat after your valid payment.

Refund Policy:

In case your attendance is cancelled, a written notice will be needed. If you send the notice prior to 1 September 2015, 70% of your payment will be refunded. There will be no refund if you send the notice after 1 September, 2015.

Registration Form:

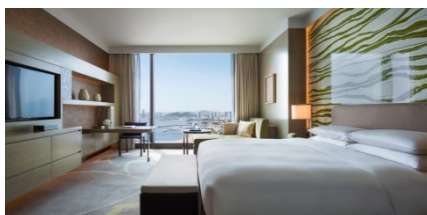
If you wish to attend the conference please download the following Registration Form from the website of www.icml2015.org.cn, complete and send it as an attachment (Word or Pdf format) to registration@icml2015.org.cn.

Registration Form				
Name				
Organization		Position/Title	Mr./Ms/Dr./Prof./Capt. (delete as necessary)	
Address			Postcode	
Tel		Fax		
E-Mail				
Number and Name of accompanying person (if any)				
Hotel	Room type	Room rate	No. of Rooms	Notes
Grand Hyatt Dalian (Conference Site)	Standard	RMB1000		
Bayshore Hotel Dalian	Standard	RMB450		
Check-in date	___October, 2015			
Check-out date	___October, 2015			

06. Accommodation

大连君悦酒店 (Grand Hyatt Dalian)

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Add: No.33, C3 Zone, Xinghai Square, Sha He Kou District, Dalian 116000, China

Tel: +86 411 3988 1234

Fax: +86 411 3988 1235

Web: www.dalian.grand.hyatt.com

大连星海假日酒店 (Bayshore Hotel Dalian)

★★★★★



Add: No.32, C1 Zone, Xinghai Square, Sha He Kou District, Dalian 116023, China

Tel: +86 411 8467 7777

Fax: +86 411 8466 8800

Web: <http://www.dalianbayshorehotel.com>

If you need a hotel reservation to be made for you, please download the following Hotel Reservation Form from the website www.icml2015.org.cn; complete and send it as an attachment (Word or Pdf format) to registration@icml2015.org.cn.

Hotel Reservation Form				
Name		Gender		
Organization		Position/Title	Mr./Ms/Dr./Prof./Capt. (delete as necessary)	
Address			Postcode	
Tel		Fax		
E-mail				
Number and Name of accompanying person (if any)				
Hotel	Room type	Room rate	No. of Rooms	Notes
Grand Hyatt Dalian (Conference Site)	Standard	RMB1000		
Bayshore Hotel Dalian	Standard	RMB450		
Check-in date	___ October, 2015			
Check-out date	___ October, 2015			

1. Please fill the number of rooms that you need in the "No. of Rooms" Column. If you have any other requirements, please fill in the "Notes" Column.
2. Because rooms are limited, there is no guarantee that the room(s) you need will be available at the above room rate(s). Early reservation is recommended.

07. General information

Date: 14-16 October, 2015

On-site Registration: 13 October, 2015

Venue: Grand Hyatt Hotel, Dalian, China

Language:

The official language will be English with simultaneous translation in Chinese.

Contact:

Should you have any queries about registration, hotel reservation, and submission of papers, please does not hesitate to contact the Secretariat of the conference at -

Dalian Maritime University Law School

1 Linghai Road, Gaoxin District, Dalian 100026

Contact Persons: Ms. WANG Jiajing / Mr. WANG Xin

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E-MAIL: info@icml2015.org.cn

Confirmation:

The letter of confirmation will be sent in due course upon the receipt of the completed registration form, the completed hotel reservation form, and the remittance advice. Please note that your registration will not be valid until the relevant registration fees are received.