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Naval Development & Policy

INDONESIA—SINGAPORE | 18 FEBRUARY | AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

Singapore bans disputed Indonesian navy ship

Singapore — Singapore said on Tuesday it will ban from its ports and naval bases an Indonesian navy ship named after two marines who bombed an office complex in the city-state in the 1960s. Defence Minister Ng Eng Hen said the ship will be barred as part of a dispute over the Indonesian navy's decision to name the refurbished frigate after the two marines, Usman Haji Mohamed Ali and Harun Said. They were convicted and executed in Singapore for the bombing in March 1965 which killed three people and injured 33 others.

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CHINA—JAPAN | 1 FEBRUARY | WALL STREET JOURNAL

Tokyo wants swift implementation of crisis management with China

In a sign of eagerness to prevent territorial tensions from escalating into military conflicts, Japan's defense ministry called for the early establishment of a crisis management mechanism between Tokyo and Beijing in its annual security report on China released Saturday. The 40-page report published by the National Institute for Defense Studies, the policy research arm of the defense ministry, comes as tensions between Japan and China grows over a set of disputed islets.

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CHINA—JAPAN | 2 FEBRUARY | DEFENSE NEWS

China accuses Japan of stoking tensions with air defense rumors

BEIJING — China has accused Japan of heightening regional tensions with “rumors” that Beijing planned to declare a new air defense zone over the South China Sea. Foreign ministry spokesman Hong Lei said right-wing forces in Japan had repeatedly made such allegations with the intention of shifting international attention from the “plot” to change Japan's pacifist constitution, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

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AUSTRALIA—INDONESIA | 3 FEBRUARY | THE AUSTRALIAN

Navigation mistakes cause Australian navy to enter Indonesian waters five times

PRELIMINARY investigations are believed to have found that Royal Australian Navy ships have breached Indonesian territorial waters on five occasions because of navigation errors and miscommunication involving both Border Protection Command headquarters in Canberra and the vessels at sea. Two of these incidents are understood to have involved a clear breach of Indonesia's 12-nautical mile boundary, while the other three are considered to be marginal breaches.

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ISRAEL—PHILIPPINES | 5 FEBRUARY | PHILIPPINE STAR

Radars from Israel to boost Philippine sea watch

MANILA, Philippines - The Philippines will acquire three air search radars from Israel to boost its monitoring activities in the West Philippine Sea, where increasing Chinese military presence has been causing tension. Security officials signed last week an implementation arrangement that would pave the way for the purchase of the radars from Israel Aerospace Industries Ltd.-Elta for P2.6 billion, a source told The STAR yesterday.

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INDIA | 6 FEBRUARY | HINDUSTAN TIMES

India's Defence Minister not pleased with navy's functioning

Dismayed over a string of accidents involving leading Indian warships, defence minister AK Antony on Thursday asked the navy to clean up its act, saying he wasn't satisfied with the force's functioning. The navy's safety record has been severely blemished by eight accidents since India's Russian-built submarine INS Sindhurakshak blew up and sank at a Mumbai harbour last August, killing all 18 men on board.

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CHINA—UNITED STATES | 6 FEBRUARY | VOICE OF AMERICA

US official asks China to clarify or adjust sea claims

The United States' top diplomat on East Asia has suggested China's wide-ranging territorial claims in the South China Sea do not comply with international law and should be clarified or adjusted. China claims nearly the entire 3.5-million square kilometer South China Sea, by virtue of what it sees as its historical rights within the so-called nine-dash line. Vietnam, the Philippines, Taiwan, Malaysia and Brunei also claim parts of the region.

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CHINA—JAPAN | 9 FEBRUARY | SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST

US Secretary of State John Kerry vows to back Japan in East China Sea

Secretary of State John Kerry vowed that the United States would defend Japan against attack including over islands claimed by China as tensions boil between the Asian powers. Kerry, who said he would visit China next week, met in Washington with Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida on Friday and reaffirmed the 1960 treaty that commits the United States to protect its ally against attacks.

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CHINA | 15 FEBRUARY | AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

China military port 'gets key Hong Kong go-ahead'

Beijing — Hong Kong has taken a key step towards approving the construction of a Chinese military port along its waterfront, China's state media reported Saturday, despite fierce public opposition to the move. In a unanimous decision, Hong Kong's Town Planning Board Friday gave the green light for the construction of a People's Liberation Army (PLA) military port in the city's Central district, state broadcaster China Central Television (CCTV) said.

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CHINA | 20 FEBRUARY | WALL STREET JOURNAL

Chinese naval patrol prompts conflicting regional response

A three-week patrol by a Chinese naval flotilla in Southeast Asian waters has drawn conflicting responses from regional governments, exposing confusion over how to react to China's rising maritime power. Torn between offending a key trading partner and standing up for their countries' sovereignty, some regional officials have denied that Chinese ships sailed close to their territory at all, despite Chinese government statements and state media reports to the contrary.

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CHINA—UNITED STATES | 20 FEBRUARY | USNI NEWS

U.S. Navy Official: China training for 'short sharp war' with Japan

China has long trained for an amphibious invasion of Taiwan during military exercises but has expanded its training to include a similar attack on Japanese holdings in the East China Sea, according the chief of intelligence of the U.S. Pacific Fleet (PACFLEET). As part of China's Mission Action 2013 exercise — a massive exercise between the all branches of China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) — the military trained for taking the Senkaku Islands, said Capt. James Fanell, deputy chief of staff intelligence and information operations for PACFLEET.

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INDIA—CHINA | 25 FEBRUARY | INDIAN EXPRESS

Joint Army exercise with China to take place in India this year

Continuing with their engagement in the defence and security arena, India and China have decided to hold a joint Army exercise here this year and have agreed on several measures like increasing maritime security cooperation and enhancing exchange of officers at senior levels, including a meeting of the Director General of Military Operations from both sides.

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INDIA | 26 FEBRUARY | CHANNEL NEWSASIA

Indian navy chief resigns after submarine accident

NEW DELHI: India's navy chief resigned on Wednesday after a submarine accident off the coast of Mumbai saw two sailors missing and another seven injured, the defence ministry said. "Taking moral responsibility for the accidents and incidents which have taken place during the past few months, the Chief of Naval Staff Admiral DK Joshi today resigned," a ministry statement said.

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AUSTRALIA | 27 FEBRUARY | WALL STREET JOURNAL

Australia reviews plan to double submarine fleet

CANBERRA, Australia—Australia will review plans to double its fleet of submarines, with the new conservative government under pressure to rein in its budget even as Asian neighbors dramatically ramp up military spending. Defense Minister David Johnston said he was unconvinced that Australia needed as many as 12 new conventional submarines currently foreseen by military planners.

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N Korea tests missiles amid S Korea-US exercises

North Korea has fired four short-range missiles into the sea, South Korean defence ministry officials say, in a move widely seen as a response to South Korea's military exercises with the US. A ministry spokesman said that the missiles were fired off the east coast of North Korea. North Korea often conducts short-range missile tests, correspondents say.

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Maritime Safety and Security



JAPAN—ASEAN | 18 FEBRUARY | KYODO NEWS (GLOBAL POST)

Japan, ASEAN agree to cooperate in disasters, terrorism

Senior defense officials from Japan and ASEAN countries agreed Tuesday to expand cooperation in joint development of equipment to combat natural disasters and antiterrorism, as Tokyo seeks to set new rules on arms exports. Some officials from the member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations said development of an early warning system and an information-gathering mechanism will be potential areas of technological cooperation, a Japanese Defense Ministry official said.

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CHINA—JAPAN—TAIWAN | 3 FEBRUARY | AL JAZEERA

Taiwan: The winner in the China-Japan row?

In a lone tower overlooking a Taiwanese fishing port, a fisherman uses his massive hand to draw lines over a maritime chart. Each triangle and line he draws indicates waters that, he argues, belong to Taiwan. An official from Taiwan's local fishery association sitting next to the fisherman voices his full-throated approval. Fishermen in Taiwan's once-sleepy port of Suao are experiencing a heyday because of increasingly ugly territorial tensions between Japan and China.

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AUSTRALIA—MALAYSIA | 6 FEBRUARY | CHANNEL NEWSASIA

Australia to give Malaysia boats to tackle people-smuggling

SYDNEY: The Australian government on Thursday said it will give Malaysia two customs boats as a gift, part of a strategy to tackle people-smuggling in the region. Most asylum-seeker boats bound for Australia make the precarious journey from Indonesia, but Malaysia is sometimes used as a transit country to transport people through the Thai-Malay border to Sumatra across the Malacca Strait.

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SINGAPORE | 11 FEBRUARY | MARITIME & PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

MPA engages shipping community to raise awareness of navigational safety

MPA takes a serious view of any incidents in Singapore waters. Following the recent three collisions resulting in oil spillage, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) is conducting investigations to determine the causes of the collisions and if there were systemic issues that need to be addressed.

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MALAYSIA—AUSTRALIA | 16 FEBRUARY | BORNEO POST

MMEA sends officers, personnel for Australian training stint

KUANTAN: The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) will start sending its officers and personnel to undergo training in Australia six months from now as preparation to operate two ships presented by its government recently. MMEA director-general Maritime Admiral Datuk Mohd Amdan Kurish said the move was to ensure they could operate the ships more efficiently and ensuring the smooth operation of the MMEA, particularly to combat human trafficking in the country's waters.

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INDONESIA | 17 FEBRUARY | JAKARTA POST

Indonesia government takes small steps to protect Natuna

According to the Natuna regional administration, at least 11 foreign vessels are apprehended over illegal fishing every year, with a potential state loss of around Rp 2 trillion (US\$169 million). Local fishermen have long called for action from the government to curb rampant illegal fishing in the Indonesian waters, but little has been done to solve the issue.

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AUSTRALIA—PAKISTAN | 17 FEBRUARY | IHS JANE'S

Australian, Pakistani warships seize USD102 million cannabis shipment in Arabian Sea

The Royal Australian Navy (RAN) Adelaide-class guided missile frigate HMAS Melbourne and the Pakistan Navy's (PN's) Oliver Hazard Perry-class frigate PNS Alangir took part in a combined counter-narcotics operation off the Omani coast on 13 February. The operation netted close to 2 tons of suspected cannabis resin with an estimated street value of approximately USD102 million.

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INDIA—UNITED STATES | 19 FEBRUARY | INDIA WEST

Indian fishermen fired upon off Dubai coast sue Pentagon

Three Indian fishermen injured in 2012 when a U.S. Navy ship fired on their boat off the United Arab Emirates are pursuing a civil case in Dubai against the U.S. Pentagon for compensation, their lawyers told Reuters Feb. 19. One Indian citizen was killed and three others were injured when the USNS Rappahannock, a refueling ship, fired on their fishing boat, which the U.S. Navy's Fifth Fleet says approached at high speed and ignored repeated warnings.

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INDIA | 19 FEBRUARY | ENVIRONMENT NEWS SERVICE

India's Gujarat state acts to forestall terrorist oil spills

GANDHINAGAR, Gujarat, India, February 19, 2014 (ENS) – The government of Gujarat, a state on India's northwest coast, has decided to create a special 690-man force to secure its key non-major ports against terrorist oil spills. The move, announced February 12, is based on the Gujarat government's fear that terrorist groups could deliberately spill oil into state waters to create hazards for ships and ports.

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PHILIPPINES—AUSTRALIA | 20 FEBRUARY | THE INQUIRER

Philippines-Australia agree to continue defense, security cooperation

MANILA, Philippines – Australia and the Philippines have agreed on continued defense and security cooperation particularly in counter-terrorism efforts, Department of Foreign Affairs Secretary Albert del Rosario said Thursday. “We agreed to continue advancing our defense and security cooperation including focusing on counter-terrorism with the holding of the fourth round of bilateral counter-terrorism consultations this year,” del Rosario told reporters in a press conference Thursday.

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INDIA—UNITED STATES | 22 FEBRUARY | TIMES OF INDIA

India very important member of piracy contact group: US

WASHINGTON: India, which has the largest number of pirates in its custody, is a very important member of the piracy contact group, a senior US official has said. US coordinator for counter piracy and maritime security Donna Hopkins said "India is a very important member of the contact group and, in fact, chaired a plenary" and has more pirates under its custody than any other country.

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INDIA—ITALY | 24 FEBRUARY | THE LOCAL

India drops anti-piracy charges against marines

India has dropped a plan to use a tough anti-piracy law to prosecute two Italian marines who killed two fishermen, the Supreme Court heard on Monday, amid a diplomatic row. Attorney General Goolam Vahanvati told the court that the marines would instead be charged with unspecified offences under the country's criminal code, which could be murder.

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CHINA—INDONESIA | 25 FEBRUARY | XINHUA

China, Indonesia to strengthen maritime, anti-terrorism cooperation

BEIJING, Feb. 25 (Xinhua) -- China hopes to strengthen maritime cooperation and joint anti-terrorism drills with Indonesia, a senior Chinese military official said on Tuesday. Fang Fenghui, chief of the General Staff of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, made the remarks in Beijing during talks with visiting Indonesian military chief Moeldoko.

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EUROPEAN UNION—TANZANIA | 26 FEBRUARY | MARINE LINK

EU shares counter-piracy knowledge with Tanzania

On Monday, February 24, European Union counter-piracy operation Atalanta and EUCAP Nestor, the civilian-led Maritime Security Capacity building EU Mission, hosted two training sessions for Tanzanian Maritime Police and Navy in Dar es Salaam to share knowledge and experiences in fight against piracy in the Horn of Africa and Western Indian Ocean region.

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Horn of Africa piracy declining: IGAD security director

ADDIS ABABA – Piracy off the Horn of Africa coast has declined since 2012, thanks to a strategy adopted by the security arm of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), an East African trade bloc, along with contributions from international naval forces. "Our strategy approached the problem from early activities inland, where pirates prepare their activities and where piracy money circulates," Commander Abebe Muluneh, head of the IGAD Security Sector Program (ISSP), told Anadolu Agency in an exclusive interview.

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Shipping, Ports, and the Maritime Economy

SINGAPORE | 26 FEBRUARY | BLOOMBERG

Singapore bids for role as LNG Hub with second terminal

Singapore plans to build a second receiving terminal for liquefied natural gas as it pursues a long-term strategy to become Asia's LNG trading hub. The city-state, which generates more than 90 percent of its electricity using natural gas, is studying locations in the eastern part of the country for a new facility to support industries and power plants, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said yesterday at the official opening of Singapore's first terminal.

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INDIA | 2 FEBRUARY | TIMES OF INDIA

India shipping ministry developing inland waterways to decongest transport corridors

The shipping ministry has asked for funds from the urban development ministry for water transport projects such as inland waterways and coastal shipping projects under the flagship urban infrastructure augmentation programme - JNNURM. Shipping secretary Vishwapati Trivedi told TOI that he wrote to the UD ministry to include inland waterway projects to be eligible for financial assistance from Centre about three months back.

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INDIA | 11 FEBRUARY | HELLENIC SHIPPING NEWS

India to have two new ports by 2020

Two new ports in West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh will be commissioned by 2020, Parliament was informed. "The government has decided to set up two new major ports, one each at Sagar in West Bengal and Dugarajapatnam in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh. As per the feasibility report prepared the date of completion of the Phase-I of the project at Dugarajapatnam is 2018 and for Sagar 2019-20," Shipping Minister G.K. Vasan informed the Lok Sabha on Monday.

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INDONESIA | 12 FEBRUARY | JAKARTA GLOBE

Pertamina begins work on \$340m in downstream projects

Batam, Riau Islands. State energy company Pertamina kicked off its seven oil and gas projects valued at \$340 million to improve the company's storage and distribution networks in the archipelago nation. Hanung Budya, a director at Pertamina, said the seven projects, which broke ground simultaneously on Wednesday, are included in the downstream oil and gas business in different parts across the country.

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CHINA | 13 FEBRUARY | SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST

Hong Kong port loses out to bigger berths in Shenzhen

Hong Kong port could lose further business to Shenzhen because an alliance of three shipping companies would need bigger berths for their large vessels and more space at their docks. The consolidation of Maersk, CMA CGM and Mediterranean Shipping Co (MSC), which has been dubbed P3, would lead to a cut of 10 sailings per week from 18 at the Kwai Tsing container terminal, said Sunny Ho Lap-kee, the executive director of the Hong Kong Shippers' Council, quoting a report by shipping consultant Alphaliner.

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CHINA | 13 FEBRUARY | XINHUA

China underscores Maritime Silk Road cooperation

BEIJING, Feb. 13 (Xinhua) -- China and Sri Lanka's joint work to build a "21st-century Maritime Silk Road" aims at peace and friendship, and China holds an open attitude to other countries seeking involvement in this initiative, a spokeswoman said on Thursday

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SRI LANKA | 13 FEBRUARY | MARITIME EXECUTIVE

Bengal Tiger Line starts new import connection

Krishnapatnam Port Container Terminal (KPCT) has sailed in to a new frontier with the addition of Bengal Tiger Line's (BTL) new Colombo feeder service (BOX-2) from KPCT. This new fixed day weekly service has a port rotation of Colombo - KPCT - Chennai and had its maiden call on February 7, 2014 with vessel M.V. Tiger Bridge. In recognition of the important and valuable role being played by KPCT's employees in the success of the terminal, the port's Senior Quay Crane Operator launched the new service.

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CHINA | 17 FEBRUARY | MARITIME EXECUTIVE

Vale sees China clearing giant ore ships in time

New tighter Chinese restrictions on Brazilian miner Vale's Chinamax ore carriers are "technical" and are likely to be resolved over time, Vale's head of iron ore, Jose Carlos Martins, said on Monday. Vale had originally commissioned as many as 35 of the massive 400,000 dead-weight-tonne ships to be built as part of a multibillion dollar plan to reduce freight costs to its main client, China.

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INDONESIA | 22 FEBRUARY | ANTARA

Indonesia to boost fisheries production and exports

Jakarta (ANTARA News) - The Indonesian government, through the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMFA), will continue to increase exports of fish products and boost commercial fishing in an effort to expand the fishery industries at home. According to MMFA Secretary General Sjarief Widjaja, his ministry has this year set a production target of 20.95 million tons of fish, with an expected export of US\$5.65 billion.

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CHINA | 25 FEBRUARY | WALL STREET JOURNAL

Two Chinese shipping companies form alliance

HONG KONG—As many global shipping lines band together to counter the market's prolonged downturn, China's two dominant shipping operators are putting behind their dueling past to form a strategic alliance. State-owned giants China Ocean Shipping (Group) Co. and China Shipping (Group) Co., have agreed to cooperate and share resources in crucial business areas, including ports, logistics and shipbuilding, in addition to actual shipping.

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JAPAN | 27 FEBRUARY | SEATRADE GLOBAL

Why the sun has yet to set on Japanese shipbuilding

Japanese yards have long enjoyed new-building orders from expansion hungry and very loyal local owners. The strong points of Japanese shipyards—and a trademark for decades—have been quality and timely delivery. Nevertheless, aggressive pricing and long-term efforts from Korea and China have provided tough competition for Japanese yards.

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INDIA | 27 FEBRUARY | THE HINDU

Worried over declining cargo, unions go all out on 'save major ports' campaign

Chennai, February 27: Port labour unions worried over dwindling cargo and increasing privatisation of assets in major ports are planning to launch a 'save major ports' campaign. The trend is affecting workers' livelihoods. The labour unions are also worried that non-major ports that come under the control of State governments are taking away cargo from major ports.

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SOUTH KOREA | 28 FEBRUARY | LLOYDS LIST

Busan offers discounts to green ships

Busan has become the latest port to offer financial incentives to vessels with superior environmental performances by adopting the Environmental Ship Index as benchmark. According to Busan Port Authority, ocean-going vessels that score 31 points or more on the ESI would be entitled to a 15% discount per gt on their entrance fees.

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CHINA | 28 FEBRUARY | CHINA DAILY

APEC gathering puts spotlight on growing port city

A prelude to this year's Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit, the ongoing first APEC senior officials' meeting has put the host city Ningbo in the limelight. The coastal city in East China's Zhejiang province, which was named one of the best investment destinations in China in 2013, has long been known for its dynamic private economy. Government data show that more than 160,000 private businesses were running in the city in 2013.

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SINGAPORE | 28 FEBRUARY | MARITIME & PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

DNV GL and MPA collaborate in maritime research & development

DNV GL and the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) today to promote research and development (R&D) and innovation in the maritime industry. The MOU was signed between Dr Henrik Madsen, DNV GL's Group President and Chief Executive Officer, and Mr Andrew Tan, MPA Chief Executive.

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