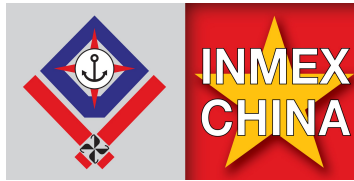


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### **“INMEX China 2008 on its full-swing to present the most prestigious Maritime event in South China”**

*- A well-supported event by industry associations and organisations*

**SINGAPORE, 27 October 2008-** INMEX China 2008, positioned to be the definitive international Maritime Expo in South China primarily targeting the Pearl River Delta Region, is now on its full-swing to present the most comprehensive business platform for the maritime industry.

Showcasing the latest technology in shipbuilding, ship repair, shipping, marine engineering & equipment, this international exhibition will feature some 300 participating and represented companies from some 14 countries & regions such as Singapore, the Netherlands, Denmark, Hongkong, Germany, Finland, Norway, India, Japan, England, Korea, Italy, US and China.

To be held from 26-28 November 2008 at the Guangzhou Jinhuan Exhibition Centre in Guangzhou, INMEX China will take place at one of the most important manufacturing centres in the world and is one of China’s main export trade centres, the Pearl River Delta Region.

As China’s shipbuilding industry in the Pearl River Delta continues to excel and advance, maritime exhibitions become more imperative to industry players in establishing their market presence.

In the first 3 quarters of 2007, a rise of more than 40% in the shipbuilding output has been recorded amounting to some 12 million DWT. In addition, new shipbuilding orders in China has also escalated to an astonishing growth rate of 120% from a year earlier.

“Response from both local and international exhibitors has been very encouraging amidst the current economic climate,” commented Mr Michael Ng, Group Exhibitions Director, IIR Exhibitions.

INMEX China is also well-supported and endorsed by relevant industry associations and organisations such as the China State Shipbuilding Corporation, Fujian

Shipbuilding Industry Association, Holland Marine Equipment, The Hongkong Institute of Marine Technology, Indian National Shipowners' Association, The Association of Norwegian Maritime Exporters, Singapore Ship Chandlers Association and Society of Naval Architects & Marine Engineers Singapore.

"The strong industry support from the region will no doubt present a highly focused and conducive business platform for ventures and technology transfers to take place," added Mr Ng.

Held concurrently with INMEX China are various seminars /workshops as well as the *INMEX China Maritime Forum* which presents the developments of China's shipping and shipbuilding industry and the impact of the global economic slowdown on the maritime industry.

One of the highlights of this year's show is the exclusive site visit to China's 3rd largest shipbuilding base, the CSSC Guangzhou Longxue Shipbuilding Co, Ltd.

"We are pleased to be part of this event which gathers maritime community and leading players from China. INMEX China 2008 serves as an effective platform for HME members to reach out to leading maritime partners from China and we wish to capitalise on this well organised and well positioned event to reinforce our ties with leading players from the industry," said Mrs Marjan Lacet, Export Manager Asia for Holland Marine Equipment.

"Indian National Shipowners Association (INSA) is honoured to support this important maritime event in South China. We are certain that both exhibitors and visitors will have a valuable and fruitful participation this year," said S.S. Kulkarni, Secretary General of INSA

Now on its third successful edition, INMEX China will also host some 1,000 qualified representatives from shipyards and ship owners through the Hosted Buyers Programme.

INMEX China 2008 is projected to welcome an estimated of 10,000 trade visitors and buyers across the 12,000 SQM exhibition area.

For more information, please visit [www.maritimeshows.com/china](http://www.maritimeshows.com/china).

### **FACTS AT A GLANCE**

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