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**INMEX China Opens With Over 800 Exhibiting Companies
From More Than 20 Countries**

The 7th edition of the definitive international maritime expo showcases probably the widest and most diverse range of maritime products, solutions and services ever displayed by leading exhibiting companies from countries including China, Germany, Holland, Hong Kong, Korea, Norway, Singapore, USA and others.

GUANGZHOU, CHINA, December 7, 2016, Wednesday – INMEX China, the largest and most established international maritime expo in the South China Sea region, opens today at the Poly World Trade Centre, Guangzhou.

INMEX China 2016 is a hotspot of the newest and most innovative maritime technology, products and services under one roof. It is the definitive event for visitors and participants to source for the latest maritime solutions, meet key industry decision-makers and experts, as well as build and strengthen business relationships with industry players.

Graced By Honoured Guests

The expo, now in its 7th edition, is graced by several honoured guests, and they will be at the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Among them are Mr Olav Akselsen, the Norwegian Director General of Shipping and Navigation; Mr Hendrik G. Lacet, the International Maritime Advisor to the INMEX series (Informa Exhibitions); Mr Da Cheng Guo, the President of China Association of National Shipbuilding Industry; Mr Guangqin Zhang, the Deputy Director of the Commission on Science, Technology, and Industry for National Defense; Mr Fangshu Jia, the Vice President of Chinese Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers.

“I am very pleased to be at the INMEX China expo again. I benefited greatly from the previous editions, and made many friends, whom I will meet again during this expo. I thank the organisers and our Chinese hosts for their warm hospitality,” Mr Akselsen said.



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Breaking New Grounds Every Edition

Mr. Lacet, who is also an Honorary Member of Netherlands Maritime Technology (NMT) as well as the Managing Director of Maritime-Consult in the Netherlands, gave the opening welcome speech.

He said: "Today, with the opening of the 7th edition of INMEX China 2016, I feel very proud and honoured of what we have achieved. INMEX China is still mentioned by the Chinese government as the second best of the international maritime exhibitions in China, even after going through the bad and good periods of the maritime as well as offshore industries."

"We are always looking for new challenges, year after year, and even in the bad periods, we will find new opportunities, like in the wind energy area, and the building wind energy structures in the high seas, etc. We plan seminars about these issues, to share knowledge with each other."

Truly An International Event

This year, there are more than 800 exhibiting companies from over 20 countries participating in the three-day event, including those from China, Germany, Holland, Hong Kong, Korea, Norway, Singapore, USA, and others.

The international exhibitors are from dozens of industries in the maritime sector, including ship building and repairs, interior suppliers, architects and designers, cargo handling systems, as well as electronics and electrical engineering.

Free Admission Conferences

Apart from the exhibition, also lined up are B2B meetings arranged through matching services, networking events, shipyard visits, and close to 40 high-powered seminars by industry expert speakers.

The free admission seminars (conducted in Mandarin) are on several topics, including Future Development of Ship Financial Leasing; Turning Crisis into Opportunities; Intelligent Manufacturing in Shipbuilding and Marine Engineering; Advanced Maritime Materials Application Development; Luxury Cruises Interior Design; Ship Development Trend and Market Outlook; as well as Green Shipbuilding Technology.



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“A Very Important Gateway”

The Singapore pavilion led by the Singapore Manufacturing Federation (SMF) is supported by International Enterprise (IE) Singapore. Mr Lam Joon Khoi, Secretary-General of SMF, said: “We are pleased to be participating in INMEX China that has been a great platform to market our local companies' products and expertise to the world, and to direct global attention to Singapore's maritime-related industries.”

Mrs Marjan Lacet, Trade Promotion Manager of the Netherlands Maritime Technology and an exhibitor in INMEX China 2016, said: “We are very satisfied with the professionalism and quality of the INMEX China shows, and have been a loyal exhibitor since the inception of INMEX China in 2002. The Netherlands Maritime Technology (NMT) is present again at this 7th edition in Guangzhou, and we look forward to more fruitful things to come at the expo.”

Mr Erlend Prytz, CEO of the Norwegian Maritime Exporters, said: “The Norway Pavilion has been present at INMEX China since 2010. It has become a very important gateway for us to connect with the Asian maritime sector as well as international maritime professionals. We have nine Norwegian exhibitors in our national pavilion this year, and we are certain it will be a satisfying exhibition for them.”

Growing Stronger

Mr Jack Wei, General Manager of Informa Global Exhibitions Asia and co-organiser of INMEX China 2016, said: “We see numerous returning local and international exhibitors this year, and it is through their unwavering support that we remain the leading and largest maritime expo in the South China region.”

“Exhibitors, buyers and visitors can expect a spectrum of quality products, services and cutting-edge technology, insightful seminars, and professional B2B matching services. My team and I are proud to assist the companies to greater heights.”

Mr Rick Zhang, Managing Director of AUCH and co-organiser of INMEX China 2016, also added: “Guangzhou remains a crucial port in China and the world, and with immense support coming from all industries in the maritime sector, including from government agencies, this year's show is one of the strongest we have ever held.”

“We thank all of them for their support, and wish all exhibitors, buyers and visitors a very rewarding and enriching experience in INMEX China 2016.”



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Visitor Info

Date & Opening hours:

7 December 2016, 09.30 – 16.30

8 December 2016, 09.00 – 16.30

9 December 2016, 09.00 – 13.30

Venue: Poly World Trade Centre, No.1000, Xingang Rd (E), Haizhu District, Guangzhou, China

Visitors are encouraged to pre-register their attendance to avoid the long queues at the on-site reception counters. Visit <http://www.inmexchina.cn/> for more information.

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INMEX CHINA is the largest and most established international maritime event in the South China Sea region and will feature an extensive range of cutting-edge marine technologies and equipment presented by both local and international exhibitors. This biennial maritime exhibition and conference will be the ideal networking platform for the maritime community in Asia.



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