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RPL Assessment Agency

The import and export industry has implemented the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) mechanism since 1 September 2015, and the Shipping Research Centre of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) was appointed the assessment agency. The launching ceremony was held on 6 October 2015 under the joint auspices of the Qualifications Framework Secretariat and PolyU. The event was co-organized by The Hong Kong Chinese Importers' & Exporters' Association, The Hong Kong Exporters' Association, Hong Kong FTU Qualifications Assessment Centre Limited, and The Hong Kong General Chamber of Small and Medium Business.



Director of SRC with the representatives of the four RPL Collaborators



After the delivering of welcoming remarks by Prof. Philip Chan, Deputy President and Provost of PolyU, opening remarks were presented by Mr Michael Hui, Chairman, Import and Export Industry Training Advisory Committee, and Mr Gregory, Secretary for the Commerce and Economic Development of the HKSAR Government.

Press release from the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau of the HKSAR Government: http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201510/06/P201510060631.htm

Officiating at the ceremony were Prof. Philip Chan, Deputy President and Provost of PolyU; the Honourable Mr Gregory So Kam-leung, Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development of the HKSAR Government; the Honourable Mr Wong Ting Kwong, member of Legislative Council for Import and Export; Mr Michael Hui, Chairman of Import and Export Industry Training Advisory Committee (ITAC); Mr Chong Shing-hum, Convenor of Promotion and Consultation Sub-committee of the Import and Export ITAC; Prof. Edwin Cheng, Dean of Faculty of Business of PolyU; Dr Venus Lun, Director of the Shipping Research Centre of PolyU; Ms Pecvin Yong, Principal Assistant Secretary for Education; and Mr Patrick Pang, General Manager of the Qualifications Framework Secretariat.



Group photo of the officiating guests

The event was attended by around 200 participants, including practitioners, employers, and members of industry associations. Following the signing of a cooperation agreement by PolyU and supporting organizations was the sharing of experience by employers and practitioners. The event concluded with the presentation of certificates to 36 RPL Assessors.

New Book

The second volume of the Springer Series on "Shipping and Transport Logistics" presents theory-driven discussion of the link between implementing green shipping practices (GSPs) and shipping firm performance. It examines the shipping industry's challenges in supporting economic growth while enhancing environmental performance.

Authors: Lun Y.H.V., Lai K.H., Wong C.WY. and Cheng T.C.E. Homepage of the book

http://www.springer.com/gp/book/9783319264806#aboutBook



This new book entitled *Green Shipping Management* is published by Springer:

- Covers the conceptualization of green shipping practices, measurement scales for evaluating GSP implementation, green management practice, and green shipping networks
- Presents theory-driven discussion of the link between implementing GSPs and firm performance
- Provides a reference for firms to understand and evaluate their capability in carrying out green operations in their shipping activities

For details, please visit the following link: http://www.springer.com/series/10193?detailsPage=titles

JST: Call for Papers

The *Journal of Shipping and Trade (JST)* is now accepting submissions for regular and special issues.

Homepage of the *Journal of Shipping and Trade*: http://www.jshippingandtrade.com/

JST also welcomes submissions to the thematic series on "Connecting the World through Global Shipping Networks"

Guest Editors:

- Jan Hoffman, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- Gordon Wilmsmeier, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
- Venus Lun, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University



Newly Published Special Issues

The International Journal of Shipping and Transport Logistics (IJSTL) recently published two special issues.

The special issue on "Managerial Complexity in Shipping and Port Market" gathers recent and original contributions related to this theme. This issue carries revised and substantially extended versions of selected papers presented at the 2013 International Association of Maritime Economists (IAME) Conference.



Guest Editors:

- Francesco Parola, Parthenope University
- Pierre Cariou, Kedge Business School

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Homepage of this special issue:

http://www.inderscience.com/info/inarticletoc.php?jcode=ijstl&year=2015&vol=7&issue=5

The special issue on "Sustainable Shipping and Transport Logistics in Developing Economies" was published recently. This issue presents research results from Brazil, India, and China that provide up-to-date views on the barriers, opportunities, propositions, and useful insights for scholars, practitioners, and researchers.

Guest Editors:

- Charbel José Chiappetta Jabbour and Ana Beatriz Lopes de Sousa Jabbour, Sao Paulo State University
- Geng Yong, Shanghai Jiao Tong University
- Manoj Kumar Tiwari, Indian Institute of Technology

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Homepage of this special issue:

http://www.inderscience.com/info/inarticletoc.php?jcode=ijstl&year=2015&vol=7&issue=6

CILT 2-day Course

The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) will run a two-day course on "Law of Contract" in V322 of the Jockey Club Innovation Tower, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, on 7-8 November 2015. The Shipping Research Centre is one of the co-organizers.

For details of this event, please visit the following link:

http://www.cilt.org.hk/webadmin/img/events/1154_2.pdf