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LMS on OBOR 2016

The Department of Logistics and Maritime Studies (LMS) hosted a conference on 10 to 11 May 2016 to officially kick-start dialogue and collaboration between potential participants and contributors to the Silk Road Economic Belt and 21st Century Maritime Silk Road, also known as the One Belt One Road (OBOR) Initiative. The event saw the gathering of economists, scholars, researchers, executives, government officials, and representatives from professional bodies for an in-depth discussion about the OBOR Initiative with particular emphasis on policy coordination, shipping connectivity, trade facilitation, and financial integration.



Guests and organizing members at opening ceremony

Global Facilitation Partnership (GFP)

The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and International Trade Center (ITC) co-organized the 2016 Annual Forum of the Global Facilitation Partnership for Transportation and Trade (GFP) in Shanghai on 1 June 2016. Building on the 2015 annual meeting of the GFP in Geneva, business, government, international organizations and operational experts met for a multifaceted dialogue on the most effective means of maximizing the gains from trade facilitation reforms and the implementation of the World Trade Organization's (WTO) Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA). The event brought together representatives from both local and international business from 25 different countries as well as international organizations such as the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), World Customs Organization (WCO) and World Bank Group.



Dr Venus Lun (Director of SRC) discussed the issue of “leveraging the TFA for enhancing regional integration” with representatives from ITC, WCO, and UNCTAD.



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For details on the 2016 GFP Forum, please use the following link:

<http://www.unido.org/fr/news/press/unido-supports-meeting-of-global-facilitation-partnership-for-transportation-and-trade.html>

For details of the program, please use the following link:

http://www.iccwbo.org/uploadedFiles/Data/Documents/Customs/GFP%20Forum%202016_Inclusive%20business%20participation%20for%20effective%20Trade%20Facilitation%20Forum_Final.pdf

HKMPB

The newly established Hong Kong Maritime and Port Board (HKMPB) held its first meeting on 6 May 2016. Dr Venus Lun is one of the members of the HKMPB. The Board discussed the long-term strategies and directions for the development of the maritime and port industries, with a view to increase high value-added maritime services in Hong Kong and maintain the competitiveness of the Hong Kong Port.



For details, please read the following press releases by the HKSAR Government at:
<http://www.hkmpb.gov.hk/en/pressreleases/20160506.html>

Recent News from China Daily

Dr Venus Lun (Director of SRC) was recently interviewed by China Daily on the issue of “green shipping”. The following two articles are recently published:

- Feature - Ship emission choking the region
- Bad tidings - Harmful emissions, oil spills and discharged garbage from ships are putting immense strain on Asia’s ecosystems

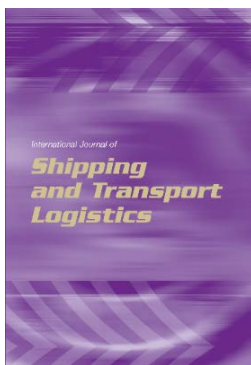
To read the full articles, please use the following links:

- <http://www.asianews.network/content/feature-ship-emissions-choking-region-17498>
- http://www.chinadailyasia.com/asiaweekly/2016-05/20/content_15436265.html

IJSTL: Impact Factor

The *International Journal of Shipping and Transport Logistics (IJSTL)* was established by SRC members in 2009 with the aim to provide an international research forum on shipping and transport logistics. The *IJSTL* is dedicated to publishing original, high-quality, and methodologically rigorous research papers that address significant management issues pertinent to shipping and transport logistics.

The recently released ISI Journal Citation Reports (JCR) by Thomson Reuters reported that the *IJSTL* has an impact factor of 1.493 under the categories of “Management” and “Transportation”.



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Journal homepage: <http://www.inderscience.com/jhome.php?jcode=ijstl>

IJSTL: Calls for Papers

The *IJSTL* has recently announced two Calls for Papers.

Special Issue on “Logistics and Maritime Studies on One Belt One Road” will publish substantially extended versions of selected papers from the OBOR 2016. Guest editors are Achim Czerny and Meifeng Luo (The Hong Kong Polytechnic University).

Website of OBOR 2016: <http://www.lms.polyu.edu.hk/OBOR2016/>

Special Issue on “Liner Shipping and Terminal Operations” will publish revised and extended versions of selected papers from the IAME 2016. Guest editors are Okan Duru (Texas A&M University), Chin-Shan Lu (The Hong Kong Polytechnic University) and Michele Acciaro (Kühne Logistics University).

Website of IAME 2016: <https://www.iame2016.org/>