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Research Rankings

The Department of Logistics and Maritime Studies (LMS) of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) has collected data from nine leading maritime journals to create a database for the compilation of the top maritime school rankings based on their publications in these journals. PolyU comes first in the world. The journals included in the database are creditable journals in the areas of “Maritime Transportation Economics”, “Maritime Management and Logistics”, and “Maritime Policy and Law”.

For details, please click the following link:

According to data from Thomson Reuters’ ISI Web of Science, PolyU also comes first in the area of shipping research in terms of published journal papers over the past three years. The citation report under the Transportation category provides the information to measure this research productivity over the period 2012 to 2014.

For details, please click the following link:
RPL Assessment Agency

In the capacity of the Accreditation Authority, the Accreditation of Academic and Vocation Qualifications (HKCAAVQ) issued the “Statement of Accreditation Approval” to the Shipping Research Centre (SRC).

The Secretary for Education has approved the appointment of SRC as the Assessment Agency for conducting Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) assessments for practitioners in the Import and Export Industry in Hong Kong under Section 8 of the Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications Ordinance (Cap.592).

The Launching Ceremony of the approved Recognition of Prior Learning Mechanism in the Import and Export Industry will be held on Tuesday, 6 October 2015 at 2:00 pm in V1310 PolyU.

The RPL Collaborators include:

- The Hong Kong Chinese Importers’ & Exporters’ Association
- The Hong Kong Exporters’ Association
- The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions
- The Hong Kong General Chamber of Small and Medium Business
ASEAN Maritime Connectivity Study 2015

Dr Venus Lun (Director of SRS) was invited to join the 1st Technical Meeting of the ASEAN Maritime Connectivity Study 2015 held on August 22-23 in Bali, Indonesia for the ERIA (Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia) Research Project 2015 on “Maritime Connectivity in South East Asia: Its Role and Challenges Towards Integration”.

The scope of the study is to examine the maritime connection of Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand, to the hinterlands and connection to other non-ASEAN countries on extra-ASEAN connectivity (i.e., Hong Kong and/or Australia).

The purpose of the project is to describe the relationships between maritime connectivity and economic activities from both demand and supply sides by exploring the maritime connectivity existing conditions and its potential economic contribution; and by investigating how firms can benefit from better maritime connectivity (demand), as well as the readiness of ports and other related infrastructure facilities in support of maritime connectivity (supply).

The methodologies used in the study include:
- Literature review, primary/secondary data collection, workshops, surveys, and seminars
- Surveys of manufacturing firms and maritime service providers
**JST: Call for Papers**

The *Journal of Shipping and Trade* welcomes submissions to the new thematic series with the theme on “Connecting the World through Global Shipping Networks”.

Submission Deadline: 31st December 2015

For details of the Call for Papers, please visit the following link: [http://www.jshippingandtrade.com/about/update/unctad](http://www.jshippingandtrade.com/about/update/unctad)

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- 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

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**CILT Two-day Course**

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

For details of this event, please visit the following link: [http://www.cilt.org.hk/home.html](http://www.cilt.org.hk/home.html)

The course is one of the events of the Logistics and Maritime Weeks (LMW), which will take place during the time when the Asian Logistics and Maritime Conference (ALMC) is being held in November. LMW will showcase a host of international logistics and maritime activities.