## HK Maritime Week Conference - The 11th Cross-Strait Conference

The 11th Cross-Strait Conference was held in Hong Kong on the 23rd of this month after a six-year absence. The Institute of SeaTransport (IOS) was held in the campus of UOWCHK attracting more than 200 senior representatives from shipping companies, university scholars and relevant professionals from Hong Kong (香港海運學會), Taiwan (台灣中華航運學會) and Shenzhen (深圳海運協會). The deep involvement of UOWCHK in this event indicates the college's unwavering commitment to maritime education and training services.

According to the records of IOS, the last seminar was held in 2017, but it was put on hold for various reasons, especially the impact of the epidemic. The members of the three parties cherished this reunion, bringing a total of more than twenty papers and compiling them into a book, with equal emphasis on Chinese and English. Three parties have each taken out their latest achievements in the industry in the past six years to summarise the research topics from an academic perspective, and it can be said that they express their views and opinions on all aspects of the industry.

The theme of the conference is to focus on the future, "Sail to the Future, Talent, Technology and Sustainable Development", from the aspects of education, training, policy, how to attract talent, reduce loss, and review and look forward, put forward their own opinions and views on this universal hot topic.

The seminar has promoted a stronger bond between the shipping sectors of Hong Kong, Shenzhen and Taiwan, deepening the understanding of the similarities and differences between the operations of the three places, learning from the experience, enhancing the capabilities of all parties, and achieving a win-win situation.

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