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Dear Ms. Yau,

Panel on Economic Development Follow-up to the meeting on 26 April 2010 "Sea-going Training Incentive Scheme"

I refer to your letter of 26 April 2010.

At the meeting of the Economic Development Panel held on 26 April 2010, Members requested for information on the statistics of graduates of the Maritime Services Training Institute (MSTI) choosing to go to sea or taking up other professions.

According to surveys conducted by the MSTI at the time of their students' graduation, during the period 2004 to 2008, 46.7% (57) of graduates opted to work on ocean going vessels, 23.0% (28) opted to work on river trade vessels and 19.7% (24) took up marine-related jobs like junior marine superintendent, marine consultancy assistant, boarding officer, etc. 5.7% (7) and 4.9% (6) of the graduates pursued further studies and served as rank and file or officers of disciplinary forces respectively. The above information reveal that a substantial percentage (89.4%) of MSTI graduates have opted to work onboard vessels or taken up jobs related to the maritime industry.

Yours sincerely,

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