EDITOR SPEAKS

It is said that ‘A superior man is modest in his speech, but exceeds in his actions’. Little needs to be said about Dr. C.P. Srivastava who brought laurels to India. He had served as a Secretary General to International Maritime Organization for a period of 16 years. It was indeed an honor for the cadets of TMI to be a part of the Memorial Lecture held in Mumbai in the memory of Dr. C.P. Srivastava. Maritimes brings to you the exclusive coverage of the event.

Yet again Tolani Maritime Institute has proven its mettle by being honored with the title of ‘Excellence in Maritime Education’ by the Maritime Gateway Awards 2014. This issue of Maritimes also brings to you the latest feather in TMI’s hat: The TMI Canal Project, inaugurated by Erik Graremann (Head of TORM).

Other highlights of this issue include ‘Rendezvous with Mr. Anand Tappu’ and the entire coverage of our very own fest ‘Horizon 2k14’. Hope you enjoy the issue. Until we meet next, Adios!

-Himanshu Sharma

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To commemorate the outstanding contribution of Dr. C P Srivastava to the global shipping and to Tolani Maritime Institute (TMI) in its formative years, TMI hosted the inaugural Dr. C P Srivastava Memorial Lecture on the 8th of July, 2014, at Y B Chavan Pratishtham Auditorium, Mumbai. Dr. C P Srivastava was the secretary to India's former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri. He served the International Maritime Organization for 16 long years as Secretary-General and later as Secretary-General Emeritus. He received the Padma Vibhushan from the President of India, KCMG from the Queen of England and about 40 other international awards and honours. The event was attended by eminent personalities from the shipping industry and the family members of Dr. C P Srivastava, who passed away in 2013.

The inaugural lecture was delivered by Efthymios E Mitropoulos, KCMG, Secretary-General Emeritus, International Maritime Organisation London. Mr. Mitropoulos spoke on the topic, 'Recent Developments in and the Future of Shipping'. Dr. B K Saxena, Principal, Tolani Maritime Institute, in his welcome address shared his experience of working with Dr. C P Srivastava and mentioned him as a teacher and mentor. The welcome address was followed by a video film on Dr. Srivastava as a mark of homage. This video was a fitting tribute to his contribution to Tolani Maritime Institute and the marine industry, in particular.

Gateway Awards

Tolani Maritime Institute was awarded for "Excellence in Maritime Education" for the year 2014, second time in a row by the jury of the Gateway Awards held on the 20th of August, 2014 in Mumbai. The ceremony was held in 2 stages. The day commenced with the Containers India conference followed by the Gateway Awards that evening. The trophy was received by Dr. B K Saxena and Dr. Sujata Neik-Tolani on behalf of the institute. 10 cadets from TMI volunteered and hosted the event. It was a great learning experience for them in the presence of many influential people of the maritime industry including numerous captains, engineers, port officials, and ship owners.
The technical minds of TMI switched gears from their usual routine of classes, muster and morning conditioning to their creative alter-egos, to help organize TOLANI Maritime Institute's three day cultural festival "HORIZON '14'. The fest was inaugurated on the evening of 25th April, contained a flurry of events, and culminated on the right of 27th April.

With its various Inter-House games, sports, and quizzes the fest was an enjoyable and interesting experience for the students and faculty alike. While quirky games like Junkyard Warz, Chess and Temple Run went on during the day, the nights constituted of students and faculty demonstrating their various skills and talents. Horizon comprised of diverse events, with renowned artistes, both from the Institute and from other colleges with unusual talents in performance exhibitions and workshops.

Informals, that entertained and challenged the crowds.

The first day started with events like Futsal, a form of miniature football, Box Cricket, Dodge Ball and the hilarious Fashion Show with Cross Dressing as theme. In the evening the audiences were entertained with various bands from our college. This was followed by a magnificent Kathak performance.

Second day of this cultural festival started with intellectual events like Quiz, Debate, Poetry, Calligraphy, Sudoku, Treasure Hunt, Caricature, Dumbcharades and games like Chess. Also, video games competitions of the classic games like Age of Empires, Call of Duty, FIFA and Need for Speed were organized on a very large scale. Sports like squash, tennis, and kabbadi were played with much enthusiasm.

Junkyward Warz was an innovative event in which every team was supposed to build a floating, self propelling vessel using only scrap material. This event was won by Morarjea house which completed the task successfully in the specified time limit.

In the evening, the much awaited Drama competition was performed. Each house presented skits, plays and satires regarding various social and economical issues in our society.