



Opportunities

In Maritime

What can young people look forward to in maritime studies and careers?

As a key pillar of Singapore's economy, the maritime industry offers a diverse and exciting range of career choices. We caught up with 24-year-old Sean Seah, one of this year's MaritimeONE scholar recipients sponsored by Swire Pacific Offshore, to discuss his passion for the industry.

What excites you the most about a career in the Maritime Industry?

The maritime industry offers a fantastic opportunity for me to pursue a career in international business. I'm most passionate about the opportunity to facilitate trade, and apply what I've learned on a global scale.

Why did you opt for SMU's Maritime Economics Concentration Programme?

This new programme offers an interesting niche in Economics through the maritime sector which allows undergraduates to bridge



the gap between theory and reality. There's a focus on experience-based learning through industry study mission trips, site visits to shipping and port facilities and the chance to learn from industry practitioners for the non-credit courses.

The maritime industry works hand-in-hand with the upstream and downstream aspects of production, and since the transportation of goods is interconnected with the provision of services in finance, insurance and offshore support, I would also gain a better understanding of the overall value chain process.

What misconception did you previously have about the industry, and how has that changed?

Due to its link with sailing, the maritime industry used to have the image of being a labour-intensive industry. But I've learned to appreciate the diversity of the industry which spans finance, accounting and human resources as well as risk management.

If you had the chance to travel overseas for work, where would it be to and why?

I would love to visit developing countries like Brazil, Indonesia and Vietnam, which I believe are abundant in opportunities as strong emerging markets.

This year, 40 students received the industry-sponsored MaritimeONE Scholarships for various maritime-related degree and diploma courses, both locally and overseas. Since 2007, a total of 200 students have received awards worth more than \$5.2 million. Visit Maritimecareers.com.sg to find out more.