**CMMI Kolkata Chapter Master Class**

**On**

 **Charter Parties & Legal Aspects of Chartering and Avoiding Pitfalls**

The Company of Master Mariners of India, Kolkata Chapter organized its first Masterclass as a part of its series of Masterclass sessions on technical subjects, to enhance the professional knowledge of the Seafarers on Saturday, 23rd February 2019 & Sunday, 24th February 2019 from 0930 hrs to 1730 hrs at The Institute of Marine Engineers (India), Kolkata Branch.

Attending this Masterclass were 30 Persons connected to shipping, including sailing staff, superintendents, commercial officers, lawyers, Masters, Chief Engineers, MMD Surveyors, Master (FG) - Advanced Shipboard Management students of maritime training institutes, students of MBA in Shipping and Logistics from IMU Kolkata Campus, and representatives from the agencies, customs and port authorities.

Registration was free for CMMI / IMEI Members, Masters (FG) - Advanced Shipboard Management students of maritime training institutes and students of MBA in Shipping and Logistics from IMU Kolkata Campus.

The inauguration of the Master Class was done by The Chief Guest, Capt. Subrata Kumar Bose, Ex – TS Dufferin (1967-1969). He is one of the senior most members (LM / 400) of CMMI in Kolkata. In his keynote address, the Chief Guest appreciated the contribution being made by CMMI in the marine sector.

Highly experienced and qualified personalities from the maritime Industry transferred their valuable knowledge to the participants.

Shri. Amitava Banerjee (Ex- Chief Surveyor with Government of India) – Fuel Consumption Time Charter

Shri. Amit Bhatnagar (Principal Surveyor & Area Manager, Indian Register of Shipping, Kolkata) – ISM

Capt. Pallab Banerjee (FNI, Nautical Advisor cum Senior Nautical I/C, HMI, Kolkata) - Voyage Charter

Capt. Swapan Chattopadhyay (MI Mar Tech, MICA, Sailing Master)–- Safety

Capt. Bidyut Kumar Banerjee (AFNI, Sailing Master) –- Safety

Shri. Sumon Ganguly (Marine Consultant) – Insurance

Capt. Swapnendu Lal Mahapatra (MICS, Marine Consultant) – Time Charter

Capt. Arijit Mukherjee (FICS, FCILT, ACIARB, Director, Safe Passage Shipping LLP. Kolkata) - Voyage Charter

Shri. Partha Pratim Basu (MI Mar E, Insurance Advisor) – Insurance

Shri. Krishnaraj Thaker (Advocate and Solicitor)– Legal Aspects

Tea/ coffee and working lunch was provided to the students.

Certificates of Attendance were handed over to all the 30 students by Shri. Sabyasachi Hajara, Varuna Awardee, Ex-CMD, SCI, and Honorary Fellow of CMMI. He addressed the students on the importance of Shipping. He also enlightened the gathering about the story of the formation of CMMI itself and the success of the Kolkata Chapter.

In the end, a vote of thanks was proposed by the Secretary of the Kolkata Chapter, Capt. Kaustuv Dutta.

Thanks are due to The Institute of Marine Engineers (India), Kolkata Branch, who did a commendable job in the areas of hospitality and event management.