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Ms Caroline Yang, President of the Singapore Shipping Association (SSA), said, "The SSA is pleased that Singapore has clinched the top honours with the Xinhua-Baltic International Shipping Centre Development Index Report. While this is the 9th year that Singapore has achieved this, the shipping industry is also cognizant that there are still more work to be done to keep Singapore at the top level, as it will attract more shipping operations and businesses to be set-up here. As the shipping industry is now at the cusp of many new developments such as decarbonisation, sustainability and digitalisation endeavours, it is important we must continue to collaborate with the authorities and agencies such as the MPA, and other stakeholders so that the shipping community continues to flourish at the top of their game."

Mr Hor Weng Yew, Chairman, Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF), said, "Singapore's continued recognition in the Xinhua-Baltic International Shipping Centre Development Index, especially coming after two challenging pandemic years, is a reflection of the cohesiveness between the industry and the authorities. As a conduit between the public and private sectors, and as a connector of the maritime ecosystem, the Singapore Maritime Foundation will work to strengthen Singapore as an International Maritime Centre and to develop a pool of maritime-ready talent to support the industry's transformation."

Ms Mary Liew, General Secretary of the Singapore Maritime Officers' Union (SMOU), said, "Heartiest congratulations to MPA on retaining Singapore at the top of the Xinhua-Baltic International Shipping Centre Development Index Report for its 9th consecutive year. Throughout the pandemic, MPA has been consistently partnering tripartite partners to make crew change and vaccination possible at the Singapore port to ensure that seafarers, our key workers, can continue to keep the global supply chain moving. Through tenacious efforts, MPA has also continued to advance digitalisation and innovation of the Singapore port, and decarbonisation goals of the industry, striving to position Singapore as a leading International Maritime Centre. As we emerge stronger and chart ahead, tripartite partners in cooperation with MPA will bring the Singapore Maritime Industry to greater heights."

Mr Kam Soon Huat, President of the Singapore Organisation of Seamen (SOS), said, "Singapore Organisation of Seamen congratulates MPA and Maritime Singapore for topping the Xinhua-Baltic International Shipping Centre Development Index for the 9th consecutive year. No doubt, MPA's tripartite partnership with industry and unions to overcome the disruptions caused by Covid-19, and challenges of digitalisation and decarbonisation, helped to strengthen the global competitiveness of Singapore's port and shipping sector. This achievement benefits all including seafarers working in this sector. Moving forward, SOS looks forward to closer collaboration with MPA, industry and union tripartite partners to deliver innovative solutions, including digital solutions, to improve seafarers' workplace

health, safety and welfare, and help seafarers to upgrade and upskill to better meet the fast-evolving future of work and challenges in the maritime sector.”

Mr Ong Kim Pong, Regional CEO Southeast Asia, PSA International, said, “This recognition is a vote of confidence to the service excellence offered by the Port of Singapore, made possible by the strong partnership and collective commitment of PSA staff, unions, customers and industry stakeholders. As a global port operator and cargo solutions provider, PSA will continue to innovate beyond port operations and seek win-win partnerships to co-create an agile, resilient and sustainable supply chain ecosystem. Alongside our partners, we will further strengthen Singapore’s value proposition as a leading Hub Port, a bespoke Cargo Solutions provider, and an International Maritime Centre.”

Mr Ooi Boon Hoe, Chief Executive Officer, Jurong Port Pte Ltd, said, “Jurong Port is proud to be part of the Maritime Singapore family for topping the 2022 Xinhua-Baltic International Shipping Centre Development Index Report for the 9th consecutive year. We will continue to work with our partners and port community to create value and build resilience along the supply chains we serve, and reinforce Singapore’s global maritime hub status.”