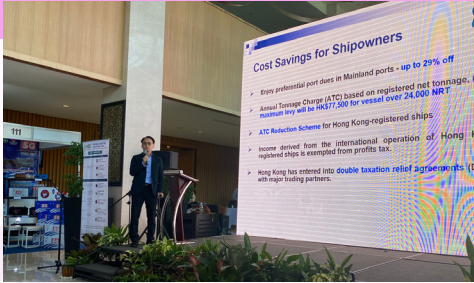


## Shipping Registry and Investment Promotion teams join two maritime expos

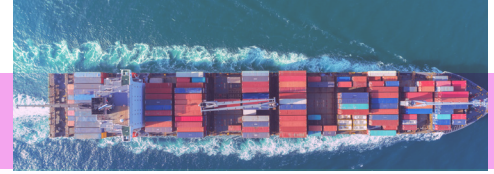


Mr Philip Ho giving a presentation to participants of IMOX.

Our dedicated Shipping Registry and Investment Promotion teams joined forces to promote HK's status as a maritime services hub in two large-scale maritime expos in the region, Vietnam Marine & Offshore Expo 2023 (VMOX) held in Hanoi in July, and Indonesia Marine & Offshore Expo (IMOX) held in Batam in August. An exhibition booth was staged in both fairs to engage industry stakeholders from various maritime fields, from shipbuilding, ship leasing to engineering and arbitration. Speaking at the seminars at both fairs, Regional Head of Shipping Registry, Mr Philip Ho, shared HK Marine Department (MD)'s longstanding reputation with over 150 years of experience in ship registration, inspection and survey.

As the world's 4th largest shipping register, the HK Flag is noted for its quality, high compliance with safety standards and low detention rate at ports. He encouraged the industry to use the Marine Department's one-stop portal (<https://ebs.mardep.gov.hk>) and its online fee calculator for ship registration and certification.

Head of Business and Talent Attraction/Investment Promotion, Mr Melvin Lee, in another seminar at VIMOX, introduced the myriad of maritime services in HK and how the city's ecosystem of 900 maritime services companies provides support to the global maritime industry. He also highlighted the tax concessions (i.e. a tax rate of 8.25 per cent) for qualifying profits derived from ship leasing management activities. As the most established maritime expos in the region, VIMOX and IMOX brought together an international congregation of maritime practitioners. The former drew 77 exhibitors and close to 2000 visitors, while the latter drew 210 exhibitors and around 5200 visitors this year.



Mr Philip Ho (left) and Deputy Head of Business and Talent Attraction/Investment Promotion of InvestHK of Jakarta ETO, Mr Andy Hermanto (second left), networking with booth visitors at IMOX



Regional Head of Shipping Registry, Mr Philip Ho (left) and Head of Business and Talent Attraction/Investment Promotion, Mr Melvin Lee (right), shared their insights to the maritime communities at VIMOX.

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