## REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Date: 31 May, 2021

- 1. It's a few months after my previous report by the end of 2020 and it's still difficult in 2021 for marine and cargo surveying business.
- 2. Cross-border surveys in Macau and mainland China almost entirely ceased due to Covid-19 or surveyors due to requirements of isolation and quarantine.
- 3. Peoples especially the rich use their pleasure crafts, yachts, jet skis and etc., more often than ever before as no overseas travel. As a result,
- 3.1 market need of commercial or occasional chartering pleasure craft and yacht rapidly increasing,
- 3.2 buy and sold of pleasure craft and yacht steadily increasing,
- 3.3 experienced coxswains and skippers are busy,
- 3.4 more accidents and incidents occurred in Hong Kong waters,
- 3.5 condition and pre-purchase surveys on pleasure crafts and yachts increasing.
- 4. Compulsory testing under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulations (Cap. 599J) for cargo surveyors in some areas is required.
- 5. Due to dropping of job quantity, we have more time to learn by attending webinars organized by different organizations as well as the Government, e.g. Department of Justice relating to mediation.
- 6. Quite a lot of webinars relating to the recent "EVER GIVEN" (2021 Suez Canal obstruction) case be arranged by various institutes, universities and Marine Insurance Club
- 7. As far as I'm aware, the marine surveying business in mainland China especially from P&I Associations has tremendously.
- 8. I recommend that information and flyers about IIMS webinars in the future be sent to member surveyors if some of them may not login in and visit IIMS web-site so often.

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