



Singapore Cruise Centre Gets ISPS Certification

On 1st April 2004, the Singapore Cruise Centre (SCC) and its Tanah Merah Ferry Terminal (TMFT) received their Statement of Compliance of a Port Facility. These were issued by the Maritime & Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) under the provisions of the International Code For The Security Of Ships and Port Facilities. The attached photo shows MPA's Capt Lim Khok Cheng (right) presenting the two ISPS Certificates to Mr Jay Pang, Vice President (Operations) of the Singapore Cruise Centre.



Facts on the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS)

Resulting from the September 11th terrorist attacks in the USA and the increased risk of terrorist attacks worldwide on December 12, 2002 the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) adopted security measures for ships and ports called the ISPS Code.

The regulations promulgated by IMO and Port Operators in the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code require shipping companies to conduct Security Assessment, and based on that, implement a Security Plan and Procedures that require flag state and contracting governments' approval by 1st July 2004.

The ISPS code requires shipping companies and port facilities to appoint trained security officer and develop security plans and procedures, which must be approved by the relevant authorities. These maritime security measures will come into force on 1st July 2004. MPA is the Administration responsible for overseeing the implementation of the IMP ship security measures for ships registered under the Singapore Registry of Ships (SRS). MPA is also the Designated Authority for overseeing the implementation of the IMO port facility security measures for Singapore port facilities.