



MARINE TRANSPORT WORKERS' TRADE UNION OF UKRAINE E-BULLETIN

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DEAR ALL!

Ruthless events have befallen our country, shattering the fate of its citizens. The unjustified war started by Russia inflicted a significant blow on all aspects of the nation's life, forcing many of our citizens to flee in search of a safe place and adapt to new realities.

Ukrainian seafarers also suffered significant damage, losing their jobs — due to the introduced martial law, they lost the opportunity to leave Ukraine and start working on foreignflagged ships.

Despite the constant threat of rocket attacks, power outages, and other infrastructure failures, the MTWTU team continues to work for the benefit of the Union members. We fight for the well-being of their families by providing them with financial assistance, humanitarian aid and legal support on various issues and organizing social events. Regularly, the leadership of the MTWTU takes part in conferences drawing attention to the need for providing seafarers with the right to leave the country during martial law and informing about the problems faced by our Trade Union members during these tough times.

We express huge gratitude to all those who support our organization and the people of Ukraine in word and deed. We will be glad to hear any feedback on our activities and are grateful for any help you are kindly willing to provide.

*Your sincerely, Oleg Grygoriuk
Chairman MTWTU
Vice President IFSMA,
Goodwill Maritime Ambassador*



YOUTH-ORIENTED ACTIVITIES

DUAL-DEGREE CADETS AND THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS

The MTWTU held a productive online meeting with first-year cadets of Kherson State Maritime Academy, who are also studying in Klaipeda at the Lithuanian Maritime Academy with the Trade Union's and ITF Seafarers' Trust's support. We summarised the first academic year and discussed plans for the future.

The cadets shared their experience and participated in the ceremonial initiation at the Lithuanian Maritime Academy, highlighting the unique opportunities of the dual-degree program, which provides valuable international skills for a promising maritime career.



INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL COOPERATION

DEVELOPING UKRAINE'S MARITIME PROFESSIONALS: ILO VISIT



A delegation from the International Labour Organization (ILO), led by Aida Lindmeier, visited Odesa at the invitation of the MTWTU. They attended several meetings to discuss key issues such as enhancing the professional skills of Ukrainian port workers, implementing international labour conventions, and ensuring maritime safety in targeted ports. The delegation visited the Maritime Union Center, the Union Dent project providing free dental services, and the National University "Odesa Maritime Academy" to acquaint themselves with the faculty and facilities. Additionally, they met with representatives of the Odesa Regional State Administration to discuss the protection of port workers and seafarers, safe navigation, and developing Ukraine as a supplier of highly qualified maritime professionals.



MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION WITH KSMA

24th May, MTWTU Chairman, Oleg Grygoriuk, met with the rector of Kherson State Maritime Academy, Vasyl Cherniavskiy. They discussed current and future projects for cadets and issues in maritime education. The meeting's highlight was the signing of a memorandum of cooperation between MTWTU and KSMA. The Union and the academy agreed to work together on training programs and seminars to improve maritime education and support cadets throughout their careers.



MTWTU AND USPA: FUTURE MARITIME COOPERATION

A working meeting was held at the MTWTU office between the MTWTU Chairman, Oleg Grygoriuk, and Head of the Ukrainian Sea Ports Authority Yuriy Lytvyn. They discussed current challenges, possible solutions, and promising areas for future cooperation. It was emphasized that productive social dialogue and the preservation of human capital are crucial for the development of Ukraine's maritime industry and seaports.



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