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**Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration Board Appoints Bernice Yeoh as Executive Director**

Singapore, 19 May 2022—The Board of the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA) today announced the appointment of Ms. Bernice Yeoh as the Chamber’s new Executive Director, with immediate effect.

Prior to joining SCMA, Ms. Yeoh held key management positions at the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA), including her recent appointment as Senior Director (Strategy & Policy). Over her 16 years at MPA, Ms. Yeoh’s key responsibilities included the formulation of policies and programmes to augment Singapore’s competitiveness as a global hub port and international maritime centre. Ms. Yeoh’s bio is appended in the Annex.

“On behalf of the Board, I warmly welcome Bernice as SCMA’s new Executive Director. Bernice is familiar to many in the maritime industry including legal and arbitration. She has played a vital role in developing the maritime ecosystem and attracting law firms to establish and grow their shipping practices in Singapore. Under her leadership, I am confident that SCMA will continue to grow its ambition to becoming a sustainable and strong arbitration institution to serve the needs of the maritime and trade communities, especially in Asia,” said SCMA Chairman and Senior Judge of the Supreme Court of Singapore, Mr. Chao Hick Tin.

“I am honored to join SCMA at this pivotal juncture, building on the foundations laid by the Board and my predecessors while accelerating the momentum and deepening the commitment to ensure that SCMA’s Rules keep in tandem with best international practices and are responsive to the needs of our users and the wider maritime community,” said Ms. Yeoh.

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## **About the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration**

The Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA) is a specialist arbitration institution which provides a neutral, cost-effective, and flexible framework for maritime and international trade arbitrations that is responsive to the needs of industry users.

Its global and regional members hail from all sectors of maritime, trade and arbitration communities. SCMA attracts disputants in the region by providing tailored solutions to suit the region's interests.

For more information, please visit [www.scma.org.sg](http://www.scma.org.sg)

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**Ms. Bernice Yeoh**  
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Ms. Bernice Yeoh was appointed as the Executive Director of the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration on 17 May 2022.

Prior to her current appointment, Ms. Yeoh has had 16 years of work experience with the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA).

The MPA is responsible for regulating, developing and promoting Singapore as a premier global hub port and an international maritime centre, and to advance and safeguard Singapore's strategic maritime interests.

In MPA, Ms. Yeoh has held the positions as Senior Director (Strategy & Policy) and Director (International Maritime Centre). She was involved in the promotion and development of Singapore as an international maritime centre, in particular, growing various maritime services sectors including shipbroking, marine insurance, and maritime law & arbitration.

She formulated strategies and policies and developed scenario planning to safeguard and enhance Singapore's competitiveness as a global hub port in a post COVID-19 world. She drove the organisation's corporate workplans and steered the secretariat teams supporting international advisory panels established by MPA to review strategic plans for Singapore as an international maritime centre and for maritime decarbonisation.

Ms. Yeoh holds an Honours degree in Sociology from the National University of Singapore.