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Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd.

“K” Line Maritime Academy Obtains New Certification from ClassNK
for Ship Handling Simulator Training

Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd. (“K” LINE) announced today that “K” Line Maritime Academy has renewed the content of its ship handling simulator training and obtained certification in the maritime training sector*¹ from Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (ClassNK) for its new training course, Ship Handling & Maneuvering Simulator (Master) Training Course.

The ship handling simulator training course for masters and deck officers, for which the certification was granted, complies with the STCW Code*², which is an international convention on training of seafarers, and the Model Course 7.01*³, guidelines established by IMO. The training course also conforms to SIRE 2.0*⁴, an updated edition of Ship Inspection Report Programme established by OCIMF*⁵, an industry association of cargo owners. The Ship Handling & Maneuvering Simulator (Master) Training Course is the first to be certified by ClassNK among training courses complying with the corresponding parts of IMO Model Course 7.01, STCW Code, and SIRE 2.0.

“K” LINE has set the enhancement of its initiatives on safety, the environment, and quality as its business policy for improving its corporate value. Therefore, the development of maritime professionals who support safety in navigation and cargo operations is an important task. “K” LINE will continue to provide high-quality training and drive safety in navigation and cargo operations as well as environmental conservation, aiming to lead such efforts to the provision of higher-quality marine transportation.

*¹ Certification of Maritime Education & Training:

Certification in the maritime training sector, which is aimed at enhancing and strengthening seafarer training in response to the technical advancement of ship operation itself reflecting technological innovations in recent years.

<https://www.classnk.or.jp/hp/en/authentication/maritime/>

*² STCW Code:

International Convention on Standards of Training Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers

*³ IMO Model Course 7.01:

One of the IMO Model Courses that covers Chapter II, Section A-II/2 of the STCW Code, which includes requirements on the ship handling training of masters.

*4 Ship Inspection Report Programme (SIRE):

The Ship Inspection Report Programme (SIRE), formulated and managed by OCIMF, has been revised and is expected to start being operated as "SIRE 2.0" around the end of 2023.

<https://www.ocimf.org/en/?view=article&id=1348:17-23&catid=28>

*5 The Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF):

A major association of cargo owners, which sets forth its own safety guidelines, aiming to drive best practices in the structural design and operation of oil tankers, liquefied gas tankers, and offshore vessels and in their interfaces with onshore terminals.

<https://www.ocimf.org/about-ocimf>

[The training being provided]

