



**The Incorporated Trustees of Hong Kong Seafarer
Mutual Assistance and Scholarship Trust**

Hong Kong Seafarer Mutual Assistance Fund Application Guidelines

- Seafarers working on board vessels covered by HKCBA and their dependants in the time of emergency and distress are eligible for applying for HKSMFAF.
- Application of HKSMFAF should be EXCLUDED from the followings circumstances:
 - Wages in arrears;
 - Repatriation of seafarers; and
 - Medical treatment and compensation for death or injury.
- Seafarer-related charitable organizations based in Hong Kong are eligible for applying for HKSMFAF.
- Seafarers who work on board ocean-going vessels not covered by HKCBA, if they are in distress and are being stranded at the port of Hong Kong under exceptional circumstances, are eligible for applying for HKSMFAF. Assistance available for this type of seafarers is limited to US\$2,000 per case, and any funds subsequently recovered from the vessel's owner must be refunded to HKSMFAF.

The Administrative Committee of the Hong Kong Seafarer Mutual Assistance and Scholarship Trust shall have the power in its discretion to approve application and decide the amount approved thereof.