

Messages of support from the industry

The following are some of the many messages of support for the Poseidon Challenge expressed by those unable to attend the INTERTANKO Tanker Event in Singapore March 31, 2006.

I was pleased to see the invitation for the Poseidon Challenge. It is an important initiative that deserves our support.

Willem de Ruiter

Executive Director, European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA)

I sincerely wish you a great success in Singapore.

Satoshi Inoue

Secretary General, International Association of Ports and Harbours (IAPH)

The Management and Board of Directors of the International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation Limited have taken note of the Poseidon Challenge and express their support for the principles on which the Challenge is founded. The continuing work of the Federation in improving spill preparedness and response demonstrates the collective commitment of the world's shipowners to protecting the environment.

International Tankers Owners Pollution Federation (ITOPF)

I would like to support your goals of zero fatalities, zero pollution and zero detentions ... Since your commitments are very close to the Paris MOU aims, I would appreciate to be informed of the outcome of the Poseidon Challenge.

Richard W.J. Schiferli

General Secretary, Paris MOU on Port State Control

To achieve, at the highest possible level, maritime safety, security and anti-pollution are the ultimate common goals for all sectors/parties involved in the shipping world. This requires parties in the 'Chain of Responsibility' to strengthen their commitment and make continuous efforts in this regard. Tokyo MoU, as a port state control regime, wishes to enhance its activities by all means to eliminate sub-standard ships and promote better performance and quality of shipping, including tankers. At the same time, Tokyo MoU appreciates and supports proactive measures and initiatives taken by the industry, like Poseidon Challenge, to improve the level of compliance and the performance of shipping.

Mitsutoyo Okada

Secretary, Tokyo MoU Secretariat