

# Inauguration of Anglo Eastern Maritime Training Centre, Mumbai

Anglo Eastern Maritime Training Centre started in a small classroom along with the Crew Personnel Office in Sannox Centre, Charni Road, Mumbai in the year 1994. In the year 1998 the training centre shifted to St. Xavier Technical Institute, Mahim, where two training rooms and office space was made available for carrying out key training courses. As we started getting more ships under our management, a decision was taken to establish an independent Training Centre to train AESM crew. In the millennium year, 2000, AEMTC moved to Parsi Panchayat Road, Andheri, a two storied training Centre with GMDSS, Automation courses, Engine and Navigation simulator courses, and safety and soft-skills related courses. Slowly, AESM grew to more than 100 ships and then the crew strength and training need also proportionately grew. AEMTC grew from around 10000 sq. feet area to 32 000 sq. feet over a period of 20 years. During this Journey, AEMTC became well recognized nationally and internationally and received many awards from well reputed organizations including SeaTrade, Lloyd's list. IHS Markit, DG Shipping and many more. The number of ships increased and the need for training kept growing and once again the need to improve and upgrade was felt.

After 20 years of being in one location, a need was felt to upgrade the centre to a more modern one. The lockdown of the covid period provided an impetus to start interior work on the new centre so that it could be opened once the lockdown was lifted. The staff moved into the new premise in April 2022 and it became fully operational from June 2022. 11th October 2022 witnessed the official inauguration ceremony of Anglo-Eastern Maritime Training Centre at its new location on, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Leela Business Park, Andheri-Kurla Road.. The proximity to the Airport, metro station and to various hotels in the vicinity makes it a convenient location for travel.



The ceremony began with the cutting of the Ribbon, by the Chief Guest Mr. Kumar Sanjay Bariar, Additional Director General of Shipping, Govt. of India, Mr Carsten Ostenfeldt, Chief Operating Officer, Anglo-Eastern Group, Asia, Capt R.K.Muduli, Dy Nautical Adviser, DG Shipping, Capt Pradeep Chawla, Group Managing Director, QHSE and Training,



Anglo-Eastern. This was followed by lighting of the Lamp of Knowledge by the dignitaries. (Photo : (LtoR) Capt K N Deboo, Mr Maneesh Pradhan, Capt Vinay Singh, Capt R.K.Muduli, Mr. Kumar Sanjay Bariar, Capt. Pradeep Chawla, Mr. Carsten Ostenfeldt, Mr Francis Akkara, Mr Manish Saxena. and

Other esteemed guests included Capt. A.K. Azad (Principal Officer, MMD Mumbai), dignitaries from Shipping companies., MAN Energy Solutions representatives, Senior managers of Anglo-Eastern, AEMTC Faculty and Staff.

One of the highlights of the day was the Inauguration of the New MAN ME Mk 2 Model which has been added to the MAN PrimeServ classroom at AEMTC. The inauguration was performed by Mr. Phillip Elberling from MAN PrimServ Copenhagen.

On completion of The Lighting of the Lamp, the guests were assembled in the auditorium where, after the safety brief, Capt. Kersi Deboo (Director & Principal of AEMTC) took the lead and introduced the dignitaries and announced the presentation of Floral Bouquets to Mr. Kumar Bariar, Capt. Muduli, Capt. Azad, Mr. Philip Elberling and Mr. Carsten Ostenfeldt. He then carried on with a very comprehensive presentation, describing the various courses and activities being conducted at the centre, some of which are mentioned below. Capt. Deboo also highlighted the number of IMO Model courses written by the team at AEMTC and also the plethora of awards received over the years by AEMTC. This was followed by the address of the Chief Guest, Mr. Kumar Bariar who described the strength of the Indian Maritime Industry and complemented Anglo Eastern on the hard work in creating this new training institute and verbalised that he was extremely happy with the training being conducted at AEMTC and that, Anglo-Eastern as a company, make the nation proud. He declared Anglo-Eastern as one of the best training institutes among the 150 training institutes present in India. He then mentioned the Prime Minister's goal of making India the Next Global Leader. He further spoke of the new fuels and new modern engines expected in the shipping industry in the future.

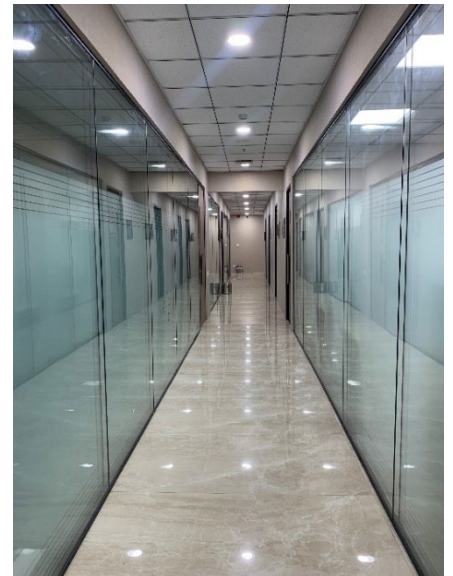


The CEO of Anglo-Eastern, Capt. Bjorn Hojgaard sent in a recorded video to be played to the audience. He expressed his regret for not being able to attend and further went on to praise and thank the Anglo-Eastern Team for the hard work and for the successful completion of this Herculean Task. He wished every success to the team and invoked the team to continue doing what it does best, namely "Shaping a better Maritime future."

Mr. Carsten Ostenfeldt (COO of Anglo-Eastern) followed with his speech in which he said that this new training centre was proof of the commitment that Anglo-Eastern has to the concept of Life Long Learning. He expressed that many months of planning and projecting had gone into the final completion of this awesome training centre. He said that this training centre is our small contribution to the success of the nation. He expressed that the 18000 plus Indian seafarers, employed by Anglo-Eastern would at some point or the other, benefit from this facility. Mr. Carsten ended by thanking the team for their dedication and marvelled at the sparkle and commitment in the eyes of all at AEMTC.

Finally the Managing Director of Training and Quality, Capt. Pradeep Chawla, "The Man For All Seasons", the man with the vision, took the dais and went on to thank the audience and the entire Anglo-Eastern team for bringing this new training centre to fruition. He spoke about the faith that senior management in HK have always had in the officers and crew of the company and how they were always willing to fund training because they believed that a team of well trained officers, delivers a safe voyage. Capt. Chawla was all praise for the faculty at AEMTC and expressed his gratitude by calling on each faculty member to stand and take a bow.

below some highlights of the New Training Centre. The New Centre has been built in synchronism with our corporate theme in terms of colour, looks and interior design. The similar looks of any AESM office Globally is well appreciated and is evident onwards, from reception itself. Every effort has been taken to use recycled material for wall work, high energy saving lights and air conditioners fitted with occupancy sensors to save energy. The server room and network connections are made according to HKG directive considering adequate redundancy, ready to meet any challenges and eventuality in the IT domain. To have a feeling of openness, we have used double glazed glass, wherever possible to get natural light.



The New Centre has Five Full Mission Navigation Simulators (1 x 360 degree and 4 x 180 degree), one New Engine Room Ship Simulator having the option to choose from 7 different Engine Models, a WinGD Gas Engine Simulator, a RT Flex Engine Simulator, a LCH Simulator with 7 Ship Models, an LNG Bunkering Simulator, ECDIS Simulator room with 12 stations, a Man PrimServ Training Room, GMDSS Simulator, and Automation labs, . Besides the above there are also various other classrooms including a Soft Skill Classroom, Webinar Rooms, a 72 seater Auditorium, a Conference room, 2 Library Rooms and a well designed and spacious Cafeteria.

Full-fledged courses have commenced at the new Training centre since May 2022 with a few courses continued via Webinar. Let's say "AEMTC is running at Full Ahead".

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