

# AESM seminar picks up cudgels against complacency and piracy



Mr. Marcel Liedts, COO of AESM Group, welcomes all the dignitaries and guests.

**A**nglo-Eastern Group's 2-day annual seminar this year focused on "Role of Complacency in Accidents" – an apt theme considering the number of accidents that have occurred recently. The well organized seminar, at Grand Hyatt Mumbai, was attended by around 400 Seafarers and 43 representatives of Anglo-Eastern's shipowner clients, besides Anglo-Eastern's office-bearers and a host of other dignitaries.

Welcoming the guests, Mr. Marcel Liedts, COO of Anglo-Eastern Group, stressed on the relevance of the theme and stated that the company must protect itself from the scourge of complacency among the seafarers. He also thanked the shipowners' representatives for taking time off from their busy schedules to attend the seminar. He was sure that the seminar would prove enlightening for them.

Mr. Peter Cremers, CEO of Anglo-Eastern, outlined the progress of the company, he said that the company was committed to continue the annual growth of between 10-15 per cent and build on the Group's position as one of the top five third party technical management companies in the world. He disclosed that the company which currently manages 360 vessels has made a number of key changes within its management team to ensure its continued growth. He stated that transparency in all its business dealings was the premier concern of the organization. He also expressed his concern about the increasing piracy and the laxity in the professionalism of seafarers at large.

Ms. Renata Ervilha, General

Manager, Vale, spoke about the varied interests of her Company and its Shipping division.

Incidentally, it may be mentioned that Vale Brasil, almost as big as the Bank of America Tower in New York, is scheduled to be at Rio de Janeiro on May 3, tracking data compiled by Bloomberg show. It is the first of a fleet of 19 such vessels that Vale, the world's largest iron-ore producer, is building to supply China.

Mr. Eivind Holte, Technical Manager, Saga Shipholding (Norway) spoke about his Company and its new acquisitions. The company has agreed with Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering Co. Ltd (DSME) in South Korea to build five 55,000 dwt Open Hatch Gantry Craned (OHGC) vessels. The vessels will be delivered between October 2012 and August 2013. SSH has also ordered two 55,000 dwt OHGC vessels with Oshima Shipbuilding Co. Ltd, Japan, for delivery in 2012 and 2013 respectively. Mr. Holte expressed his satisfaction over Anglo-Eastern being its ship manager.

Capt. Pradeep Chawla, Managing Director, QA & Training, AESM-Hongkong, gave a detailed report on the performance of AESM during



A view of the gathering



2010. The company had broken into offshore market. In the year 2009, the company had established AESM Academy at Karjat. Capt Chawla also explained why 'complacency' had been chosen as the theme for this year's seminar.

Lt Cdr. Paul Turner, USCG Activities, Far East, presented an in-depth analysis of human performance and behaviour in the Shipping field.

Capt. Ashok Mahapatra, Dy. Director, Maritime Training and Human element section, Maritime Safety Division, I.M.O., spoke about

Department, discussed about the background of Port State Control, the procedures adopted by them in Hongkong, and what their role as a Flag State Administration is.

Mr. Michael Grey, Sr. Journalist, Lloyd's List, stated that unless we realized that ships and equipment needed to be adapted to the people who operated them, we were all being complacent.

Mr. David Wendel, head of DNV Seaskill, Oslo, spoke about the various types of complacency that could set in and how one could



**Capt. Vinay Singh**

Assurance Superintendent, BP Shipping Ltd., spoke about the effects that complacency had on vetting inspections.

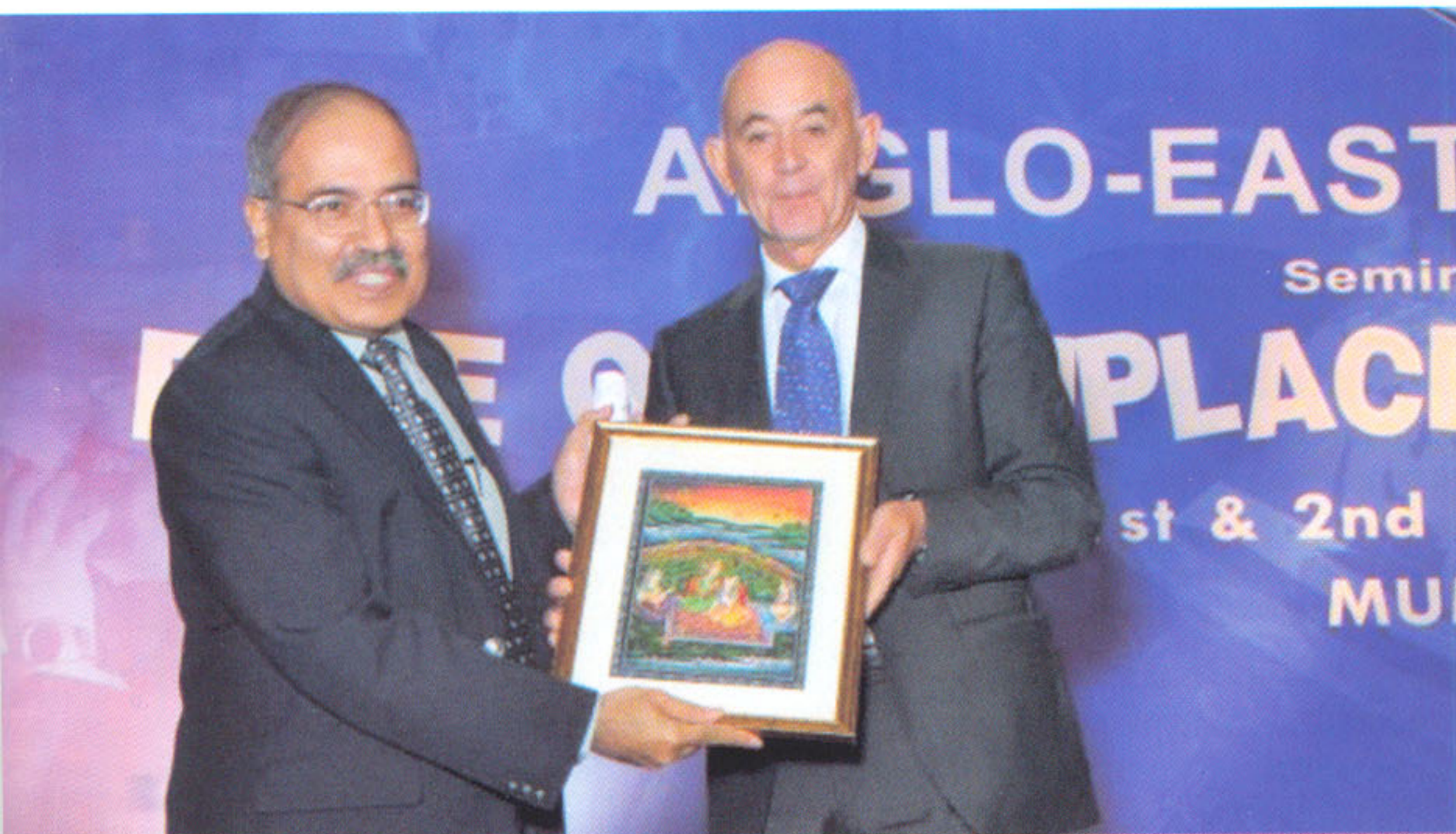
Capt. Vinay Singh, Resident Director, Anglo-Eastern Mumbai, presented the AESM Manning review.

Capt. K.N. Deboo, Principal and Director, Anglo Eastern Maritime Training Centre, Mumbai, presented the AESM Training review.

The seminar was followed, later in the evening, by cocktails and dinner for the owners, AESM office bearers and seafarers, dignitaries from the shipping world, along with their families.



**Capt. K.N. Deboo**



**Dr. S. B. Agnihotri receiving memento from Mr. Peter Cremers**

the human factors affecting work and operations on board. He stated that IMO has been addressing the issues of maritime skills as essential elements for supporting international shipping.

Dr. S.B. Agnihotri, DG Shipping, expressed his concern in marine pollution and piracy. He said that these were the twin challenges that needed to be addressed to promote the progress of the industry in the future.

He also gave away gallantry awards to Anglo Eastern sea staff, who had shown bravery in saving life out at sea.

Mr. Roger Tupper, Director of Marine, Hongkong Marine

minimize the devastating effects of this gigantic menace.

Mr. Karl Rich, Director, Lloyd's Register, explained about how complacency takes birth in a person or organization and how one could combat it.

Mr. Daniel Sheehan, advisor to AESM, U.S.A, and an eminent senior consultant on national and international shipping, spoke about Piracy and the IMO's active role in trying to tackle this monstrous evil,

Cdr J. Suresh, Command Operations Officer, Western Naval Command, Indian Navy, spoke about the efforts being made by the Indian Navy to curb piracy off the coast of Somalia.

Capt. R. Jayachandran, Marine



# Ship owners and delegates have a conducted 'tour de force' of Anglo Eastern Maritime Training Centre

Ship owners shipping delegates from around the globe and senior management team of Anglo Eastern Group along with Mr. Peter Cremers, Mr. Marcel Liedts, Capt. Pradeep Chawla, Mr. Vijay Gupta and Mr. Sunil Joseph visited the Anglo Eastern Training Centre. Capt. Kersi Deboo welcomed the guests and briefed them about the value addition training courses for sea going personnel being conducted at the institute. Mr. Akkara, vice-principal and head of engineering studies, stressing the need for equipment based training talked about the recently purchased equipment, by the institute.

The guests who were given a conducted tour of the institute were highly impressed with facilities in the institute and the enthusiasm of the faculty members. Mr. Anil Arora from Unique Shipping, inaugurated the transfer pump system, with a complete process and automation, as part of the lab equipment. Mr. Francis Akkara proudly showed the test rigs made by AEMTC faculty identifying the need to include them in the training programme.

The second equipment which was put into the training use was the "Advanced Instrumentation Training Rig" which was custom



*Mr. Roger Tupper, Capt. K N Deboo and Mr Vijay Gupta at the Machinery Space Workshop*

made to train the engineers in the field of automation and control system. The training model could simulate numerous control systems used onboard vessels. When the engines run the cooling water temperatures must be controlled accurately to avoid cylinder liner failures. Boilers, COP's or purifiers are all subject to the same type of process control which needs good understanding to even recognize the signs of failure or a drop in performance. This training equipment was made to simulate onboard conditions. Mr. Akkara stated that trouble-shooting and fault finding skills could be improved with the integration of theoretical and practical training carried out at AEMTC.

Mr. Roger Tupper, the Director Marine Hong Kong proudly dedicated the Advanced Instrumentation Trainer to maritime training world. He stated that such training equipments were necessary to create onboard situations and control processes to educate the engineers in the field of trouble shooting and fault finding. "We have to move with technology. Anglo Eastern is a leading example to show the other ship management and ship owning companies that the training does not come second to

any other shipping activities", he declared.

He congratulated Anglo Eastern group for supporting the training division to set up a state-of-the-art facilities for the post sea training. Mr. Marcel Liedts, COO of Anglo Eastern Group narrated the important features of this "advanced Instrumentation training rig" which was custom made to train the engineers in the field of automation and control system.

There were two more additions to the Anglo Eastern Maritime Training centre's training facilities in their machinery work shop. Anglo-Eastern has been technically managing gantry vessels, especially of Saga groups. High pressure cleaning machines are being used on these vessels to clean the holds. A similar type of equipment for training purpose has been installed here at the machinery work shop. Mr. Eivind Holte inaugurated this unit and demonstrated the equipment for guests.

As Anglo-Eastern keeps pace with the latest technology, it has added the oil mist detector.

The ship-owners were happy at the techniques and technology being used to provide value added training to their sea staff.



*Mr. Alastair Fischbacher – from Rio-Tinto inaugurating Oil Mist Detector while Mr. Marcel Liedts and Francis Akkara looks on.*



# AESM Academy plays host to high profile dignitaries of AE Group's seminar

The Anglo Eastern Maritime Academy (AEMA), Karjat, played host to the senior management staff of AESM, high profile ship owners, who were keen to learn about the training infrastructure and have an inter-action with the cadets and other dignitaries. The roll call of honour included Peter Cremer, CEO AE Group, the dignitaries included Mr. Marcel Liedts, COO of Anglo Eastern Group, Mr Vijay Gupta, managing director, AE Group, Capt. P.K. Chawla, managing director - Quality Assurance & Training, Capt. Surendra Dutt and Mr. Orson Lobo, directors from AESM Singapore, fleet directors and Fleet managers from Glasgow, Antwerp and Hong Kong and Capt. KN Deboo, director, AEMTC and AEMA.

The dignitaries were introduced to the 160 DNS cadets and 80 GME cadets gathered in the auditorium. Captain KSD Mistree, Principal AEMA, welcoming the dignitaries described the excellent performance of the previous batches. Addressing the gathering Mr Peter Cremers stated that the AE group was growing at 15 per cent and to maintain this track record it was necessary for its seafaring and shore staff to be

*Delegates and ship owners next to their flags*



dedicated, hard working and loyal. These qualities, he added had to be inculcated from the early training stage.. He stressed that AEMA, like its parent group, had a responsibility of imbibing the cherished values of professionalism, honesty and transparency.

Mr. Michael Grey, Sr journalist, Lloyds List, briefed about the importance of the Maritime Industry and adopting this as a career choice. He also stressed the need to continue the learning process which was so essential in a

maritime career.

Capt. Chawla spoke about the 'Ten Commandments' which he



*Deck Cadet explaining projects to Mr. Cremers, CEO and Capt. Surendra Dutt, Managing Director of AESM Singapore*

considered essential for a cadet pursuing maritime career. He added that as an Indian seafarer, he was proud of its rich maritime heritage.

The dignitaries, who witnessed the flag hoisting ceremony were, later, taken around the campus for an interaction with the cadets who had displayed the various projects that they had worked on, in the Academic Block. .

The dignitaries also visited the training areas, including the boat davit, seamanship shed and the workshop. [MLTL](#)



*Mr. Cremers and Capt. Chawla explaining the engineering training facilities to the guests*