



Press Release

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Hong Kong Shipowners Association mourns the passing of The Honourable Tung Chee-hwa, GBM, Patron and Past Chairman of the HKSOA

It is with profound sadness that we mourn the passing of the Association's Patron and Past Chairman, The Honourable Tung Chee-hwa, GBM, who left us peacefully on 8 September 2026, surrounded by his family. We extend our deepest condolences to Mr Tung's family in respect of their great loss.

Mr Tung's connection to the Association is both deep and long-standing. He served as our Chairman from 1976 to 1977, at a formative stage in his distinguished career, and in later years, honoured our Association by accepting the role of Patron, lending his stature and wisdom to our community. He made a foundational contribution to the maritime sector.

Beyond his achievements in shipping, Mr. Tung's public service record is unparalleled in Hong Kong's history. He was elected as the first Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in July 1997. Following his tenure as Chief Executive, he was elected Vice Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and went on to found and chair the Our Hong Kong Foundation, continuing his lifelong commitment to Hong Kong and to fostering international relations.

We invite members of the community to reflect on the remarkable breadth of Mr. Tung's contributions, as a shipowner who steered a great Hong Kong shipping house through crises, as a founding leader of our Special Administrative Region, and as a statesman who rose to the highest ranks of national leadership. His journey is a source of great pride for our maritime community.

Hong Kong Shipowners Association Chairman, Mr. Richard Hext, shared the following tribute on behalf of the Association:

“It is hard to overstate the importance of Mr. C.H. Tung’s contribution to Hong Kong shipping. He helped build shipping companies Chinese Maritime Transport, Island Navigation and OOCL, which became one of the giants in the container industry, and he served as Chairman of the Hong Kong Shipowners Association from 1976 to 1977, later becoming Patron of the HKSOA. His energy, wisdom and determination to serve Hong Kong received much wider recognition when he became Hong Kong’s first Chief Executive from 1997 to 2005. We at the Association deeply mourn Mr Tung’s passing. We are very grateful for his dedication to the shipping industry, to Hong Kong, and to the nation, which greatly changed our lives for the better”

We deeply miss Mr. C.H. Tung.

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