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Event: Appointment of new Harbour Master as per Seychelles Ports Authority Act 2004 amended in 2024

PRESS RELEASE

Seychelles Ports Authority Welcomes Captain Jean-Paul Fanchette as new Harbour Master

As per the recently amended Seychelles Ports Authority (SPA) Act, a new Harbour Master was appointed by the Board of SPA with his term coming into effect on 01st August 2024.

In a short ceremony held on Friday 02nd August 2024 in the presence of the Board Members and the Deputy Chief Executive of SPA, Captain Jean-Paul Fanchette was officially presented with his Harbour Master epaulettes as a symbolic gesture of taking office in his newly assigned role as Harbour Master of Port Victoria.

While addressing the members present, Chairman of the SPA Board, Mr Brian Loveday, pointed out that the role of a Harbour Master is one enormous responsibility and it requires not only a deep knowledge of maritime operations but also the ability to coordinate complex activities, manage relationships with a wide range of stakeholders and ensure the safety and efficiency of the port's daily operations.

With further emphasis, Mr. Loveday added that "Captain Fanchette will need the support of everyone, especially his colleagues as his success means success for the SPA and the whole of Seychelles."

Mr Loveday described Capt. Fanchette as a dedicated, committed team member with an exceptional leadership and profound understanding of the maritime industry. "I am confident that under his leadership, our port will continue to succeed and reach new heights," he affirmed.

Under the Act the Harbour Master has an important role as the final authority when it comes to activities on port facilities and within the port and harbour limits. Among the plethora of responsibilities bestowed upon him, the Harbour Master also drafts policies procedures to direct port and maritime operations and ensures that all port facilities are safe and secure for all port users.

Capt. Fanchette brings over 15 years of maritime experience to the designation of Harbour Master, having served in various capacities during his seafaring career. He has held several prominent positions, including ranks of Third, Second and Chief Officer on-board Seychelles and German flagged Oil and Chemical

Tankers managed by German Tanker Shipping and Seychelles Petroleum Company before obtaining his Master Mariner Unlimited license in September 2020 making him one of the few who hold this licence.

Over the past 15 years, Capt. Fanchette has significantly expanded his expertise through various roles. He served as a Chief Officer and Master on-board landing crafts within the Seychelles EEZ, worked as an independent surveyor on tankers discharging and back loading in Port Victoria, and lectured at the Seychelles Maritime Academy.

His extensive knowledge of maritime operations, coupled with his commitment to safety and efficiency, has helped Capt. Fanchette to obtain this new statute.

The appointment of Capt. Fanchette as Harbour Master marks an exciting new chapter for Port Victoria particularly since this important role has been bestowed upon a Seychellois. With his expertise and leadership, SPA is poised for continued success and growth, ensuring it remains a key player in the maritime industry.