



WELCOME ADDRESS BY CAPTAIN ROBIN FOO, PRESIDENT OF THE SINGAPORE MARITIME OFFICERS' UNION (SMOU) AT THE SMOU ANNUAL FAMILY DAY 2007, HELD AT JURONG BIRD PARK, ON 10 JUNE 2007.

SMOU members, families, ladies and gentlemen, a very good morning.

On behalf of the Singapore Maritime Officers' Union (SMOU) and Wavelink, a very warm welcome to all of you to our SMOU Annual Family Gathering 2007 here at the Jurong Bird Park.

An SMOU membership is more than just industrial protection and welfare for all our members, it is also about the holistic welfare for the members' entire family.

As a caring and a sharing union, we hope that on this occasion of the SMOU Annual Family Gathering, we have presented an opportunity for all our members here to not only have fun, but to interact and also spend quality time together with your families, friends and fellow members.

The Ministry of Community Development for Youth and Sports celebrates the National Family Week early this June, to encourage the nurturing and building of vibrant families and strong family relationships.

In line with this national emphasis on family bonding, SMOU is pleased to organise this yearly family get-together for our members and families. Joining us at this tranquil birdpark today, are more than 1,500 members with their families and also many of our friends from the maritime community.

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Today's event is an annual tradition which SMOU has been organising for over 30 years for our members, families and friends. We are glad that you've all been and will continue to be part of it.

This morning, we have a series of activities and games lined up for all ages from colouring competitions to tele-matches and not forgetting, the grand lucky draw. Do also join in the fun at the Best Costume Competition and the exciting Treasure Hunt.

On this note, I would like to wish everyone great fun and an enjoyable day with your loved ones and fellow members.

Thank you.

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