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Maritime Day 2016

'Shipping is indispensable to the World'

"Shipping is perhaps the most international of all the world's great industries. Every evening, millions of people all over the world will settle into their armchairs to watch some TV after a hard day at work. Many will have a snack or something to drink. It will occur to almost none of them that they have anything to thank shipping for. And yet every one of them undoubtedly owes a debt of gratitude to the unsung industry on which everyone in the world relies.

That TV probably arrived in a containership; the grain that made the bread in that sandwich came in a bulk carrier; the coffee probably came by sea, too. Even the electricity powering the TV set and lighting up the room was probably generated using fuel that came in a giant oil tanker.

The truth is, shipping affects us all. No matter where you may be in the world, if you look around you, you are almost certain to see something that either has been or will be transported by sea, whether in the form of raw materials, components or the finished article."

International Maritime Organization

Today the Ministry of Works and Transport joins with the rest of the world in commemorating the sterling contribution and efforts of the International Maritime Organization, its partners and member states. We salute our local Maritime members and stakeholders, who continue to be pioneers in the field of Maritime safety, legislative reform and technological advancement.