NEW HYDROGRAPHER OF CHINA



Captain Chen Aiping was appointed as Executive Director-General of the Maritime Safety Administration (MSA) of the People's Republic of China on 8 June 2009, succeeding Captain Liu Gongchen.

Captain Chen was born in Jiangsu Province of China in 1957. He obtained his bachelor degree in Dalian Maritime University in 1982 and master degree in Wuhan University of Technology in 2000.

His first job career began at COSCO Qingdao from 1982 to 1988. He had served onboard numerous ships, with duties ranging from the third officer, the second officer to the chief officer. Thereafter, he served as ocean-shipping master in the Nanjing Tanker Corporation of China Changjiang National Shipping (Group) Corporation (CSC) during 1988 to 1990.

Captain Chen was engaged in management as the Deputy Manager-General of CSC Nanjing Tanker Corporation between 1991 and 1995. At the same time, he took the second position as Deputy Captain-General in the Corporation in late 1995. From 1995 to 1998, he was assigned to CSC as Vice President.

His job Career in MSA started from 1998, served as Deputy Director-General of Shanghai MSA first, with responsibility for extensive maritime activities covering shipping safety, SAR and pollution prevention. In 2001, he was assigned to be Director-General of Jiangsu MSA. In 2003, he returned to Shanghai MSA as Director-General.

After severed more than ten years in local MSA as top administrator, Captain Chen came to the headquarters of China MSA in Beijing, as Executive Director-General this June.