



**CHINESE & GLOBAL OWNERS, BANKS & LEASING COMPANIES OUT IN FORCE IN SHANGHAI
ANOTHER GREAT YEAR FOR
CAPITAL LINK'S 2nd ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING FORUM CHINA
DRAWS 360+ DELEGATES**

Shanghai, May 5, 2017

Capitalizing on the long established track record of organizing highly successful large scale maritime conferences in major industry centers around the world, [Capital Link's 2nd Annual International Shipping Forum - China](#) took place on Friday, May 5th, 2017 at the Grand Kempinski Hotel, in Pudong – Shanghai, China.

The Forum was organized in partnership with Columbia Shipmanagement and Singhai Marine Services with the support of the Shanghai Pudong New Area Commission of Commerce (International Shipping Service Office).

This was a top level international maritime summit which put together leaders from the international and Chinese finance, investment, maritime and shipbuilding communities. It provided a high level debate on critical topics of the industry coupled with unique marketing and networking opportunities among global and local industry decision makers.

The event featured as speakers and panelists executives from 21 international and Chinese shipping companies, 10 global banks, the top 7 Chinese Leasing firms, 3 Maritime University Presidents, major Law, Auditing and Advisory Firms, Classification Societies, Shipmanagement firms, and other industry participants. **It drew a record attendance of 360+ delegates.**

This year's **Capital Link's International Shipping Forum-China** examined geopolitical, regulatory and market trends that affect global shipping. It focused on the interaction between Chinese ship-owners and leasing firms with their global counterparts and the role of Chinese Leasing and Shipping in the global markets. The Forum addressed topics such as Chinese financial leasing, global bank financing, capital markets and alternative financing, private equity and restructuring. Also, joint venture opportunities between Chinese and global investors and maritime industry players, and methods to optimize technical and commercial ship management.

The Shanghai Pudong Government also made an appearance where he discussed how the Shipping Office of Pudong New Area is the leading and coordinating organization designed to promote the development of Pudong New Area's shipping industry. The Deputy Director outlined the initiatives of the local Pudong government to attract more international shipping companies to operate locally.

One of the many key topics of the Forum was on the availability of finance for global and Chinese owners from three different points of view: global bankers, Chinese Leasing company executives and global shipping companies' executives. Chinese leasing Companies have now come a long way and they are now increasing their profile and participation in the global markets as they are eager to finance non-Chinese owners and projects. It is interesting to note how quickly they are becoming a major force in the industry and how competitive they are in terms of service and pricing. Most of the panellists in the international shipowner panel had already dealings with Chinese Leasing firms and some of them had already concluded major transactions, so it was interesting to learn their experience putting these deals in place.

For the first time there was a dedicated panel on “Maritime Education & Training in China and Its Importance for Global Shipping”. There is a big effort to upgrade the quality of maritime education and English language proficiency as more Chinese seafarers join the global fleet.



The Chinese shipowner panel concluded the Forum discussing global market trends and the role of China and Chinese shipping in the global markets.

CAPITAL LINK CHINA SHIPPING LEADERSHIP AWARD

The annual “Capital Link China Shipping Leadership Award” aims to recognize a person for his/her contribution to the Chinese and global shipping industry.

The 2017 Award was presented to Mr. Zhang Ye, who is currently the President of the Shanghai Shipping Exchange and the delegate of Shanghai Municipal People's Congress. He graduated from Wuhan University of Technology and got the MBA degree of Shanghai Jiaotong University and PhD degree of Shanghai Maritime University. He has decades of job experience as the senior executives of shipping SOEs and has abundant expertise in sectors of shipbuilding, technology, finance, transactions, maritime information, etc.

FORUM VIDEOS, PRESENTATIONS & WEBCASTS, PHOTOS

They can be accessed on the Forum website: <http://forums.capitallink.com/shipping/2017china/index.html>

There is a full archive of the presentations and audio files of the panel discussions and presentations.

Also, there are video interviews with major event participants and presenters.

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The Speakers' Dinner was sponsored by **RUNTONG RMS GROUP**.

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