

## Seafarer's Awards 2014 - Hong Kong Ship Owner of the Year



The China Navigation Company was presented with the inaugural Seafarer's Awards 2014 - "Hong Kong Ship Owner of the Year" award at The Sailors Home and The Missions to Seafarers' Annual Maritime Charity Dinner in Hong Kong on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014. The dinner was attended by over 300 guests from the maritime industry.

In July, in cooperation with the Hong Kong Shipowners' Association (HKSOA), a survey was circulated to all the seafarers serving on Hong Kong registered vessels. The survey sought to ask how seafarers are respected, valued and retained by ship owners and managers and over 4,000 responses were received.

The Reverend Stephen Miller, Senior Chaplain, presented the award to Doris Luk on behalf of The China Navigation Company. In her acceptance speech Doris dedicated the award to Vasyl Kotenko (Second Engineer Officer) who passed away in his sleep aboard *MV Kwangsi* on 20<sup>th</sup> October while the vessel was approaching Honiara in the Solomon Islands. She extended her gratitude to the Mission to Seafarers and the Mission's Chaplain, Father Hilary Anisi, for the care and counselling which he had provided to the crew.

*The Annual Maritime Charity Dinner is arranged to raise the profile of seafarers and the continued importance of the maritime industry to Hong Kong. This year the funds raised will pay for a replacement launch (HK\$6.2m) which will be delivered at the end of 2014 for use by all four ecumenical partners of the Mission to visit the crews of the vessels calling in the anchorages of Hong Kong harbour.*

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