

Mr Simon Neo, Guest Speaker on Bunkering – CIMC, 1-2 November, 2022



- **Simon Neo, a veteran in the bunkering industry in Singapore.**
- **Former Chairman of International Bunker Industry Association (IBIA) from 2013 to 2014**
- **Well versed in policy issues, Simon, is presently serving or sitting on many bunkering industry committees in ISO and Singapore**
- **Chairman - Singapore Accreditation Council Technical Committee for Cargo Inspectors (year 2019 to 2021)**
- **Member - Singapore Technical Committee (TC) Bunkering formed by the Maritime Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) and Enterprise Singapore (ESG)**
- **Member – Working Group on Mass Flow Meter (Singapore Standard SS648)**
- **Member - ISO TC 28 SC 4 WG 6 (ISO 8217 committee)**
- **Conveyor - SS524 (Quality Management Bunker System) Review Committee (SS524:2021)**
- **Consultant to Malaysia Bunkering Association**

About His Time in IBIA

He has served IBIA with passion and dedication for many years in a number of different roles: as a board member; as Chairman of the Board from April 2013 to April 2014; and as a member of the Executive Committee for the IBIA Asia branch in Singapore. He joined the IBIA secretariat as the Regional Manager for IBIA Asia Ltd in early 2016.

During his time with IBIA, Simon has contributed a huge amount of time and energy to enhance the association's standing in Asia and in particular in Singapore. He has nurtured the positive relationship between IBIA and the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore, taken part in several of the technical committees responsible for developing Singapore's bunker industry standards and conducted training courses for bunker surveyors.

Singapore: Industry veteran Simon Neo to head bunker consultancy SDE International

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Singapore bunker industry veteran Simon Neo will head newly established marine fuels consultancy firm, SDE International Pte Ltd, after leaving the Asia arm of the International Bunker Industry Association (IBIA).

SDE will be focused in providing consultancy services related to bunker investigations, the establishment of port infrastructure for bunkering operations, standardisation of marine refuelling operations, regulatory advise for port authorities/administrations, IMO 2020 compliance, and more, he tells *Manifold Times*.

Neo, who will assume the Executive Director portfolio overseeing operations at SDE, shares the company works with several Singapore's bunker industry experts known for their competence on respective marine fuel related fields including mass flowmeters, IMO legislation, bunker-related regulations, bunker-related standards and more.

"The reason we started this [SDE International] is because with IMO 2020 we felt that there will be a lot of issues coming up towards and post 2020. The IMO is also calling for its member States or other relevant authorities to establish or promote a licensing scheme for bunker suppliers. This is where we assessed that SDE could assist, as we have access to the relevant expertise," he explains.

"Shipowners will want to increase their understanding of international compliance matters, while many ports are looking at how they can bring up standards and provide better services to shipowners.

“Quality and quantity wise, ports will be looking on ways to setup proper infrastructure for managing bunker operations while establishing their own set of standards and compliance to suit local conditions.

“In other words, bunkering will no more be a separated operation carried out at ports but instead evolve to become an integrated service delivered as part of a whole marine package.”

Neo is the current Project Leader for ISO 13739 (Petroleum products — Procedures for transfer of bunkers to vessels) and a Committee Member of ISO TC 28 SC 4 WG 6 (ISO 8217).

To date, he is also the Chairman of the Technical Committee for Cargo Inspection at Singapore Accreditation Council, and sits in the Singapore Technical Committee for Bunkering and MFM Working Committee. He was formerly the Chairman of IBIA.