

Eima to establish offshore safety training centre

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Emirates International Maritime Academy (Eima) will establish a world-class offshore safety training centre within Dubai Maritime City (DMC) Campus.

The new training facility will strengthen the portfolio of services and maritime courses offered by Eima, which focuses on providing a suitable gateway for people in the region to enter the maritime field.

This follows a memorandum of understanding signed with Malaysia's Sribima Maritime Training Centre (SMTC Global) under which SMTC and Eima will collaborate towards the establishment of safety courses that will underpin the socioeconomic programmes of the UAE and the region.

The facility will offer training in the fields of emergency response, safety skill and safety management and will be on top of the various marine-oriented academic programmes offered by Eima.

"SMTC Global is a world-renowned organisation in the field of maritime training, particularly in conducting competency-based safety courses for the oil and gas industry. As such, Dubai Maritime City is confident that this partnership will complement our policy of providing high-quality services to all clients within the maritime complex," said Captain Jaafar Sidin, Director of DMC Campus and Eima. "The joint venture will act as a catalyst to accelerate the growth of the much-needed manpower and skills in the maritime sector and subsequently reinforce Dubai's reputation as a world-class maritime centre."

The emergency response training covers a wide range of offshore emergency situations that are discussed in detail in specialised courses.

The training includes personal survival techniques, first aid, and fire prevention and fire fighting, among others. The safety skill training offers courses that promote safety skills in driving, rigging and slinging, crane and forklift operation, scaffolding, welding, assessment of substances hazardous to health, abrasive wheels, and HACCP – Code for Catering Personnel, among others.

"Through our co-operation with Eima we aim at introducing a world-class safety training facility within Dubai Maritime City and we will build on our 20 years experience in providing specialised courses to maritime professionals," said Captain Rudy Rijckaert, Chairman, SMTC Global.

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