

## Educational Visit of University of the Aegean Students to Leading Maritime Organizations and Companies in London

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Twelve undergraduate students from the Department of Shipping, Trade and Transport of the University of the Aegean, accompanied by their professor, Dr. A.M. Kotrikla, carried out a two-day educational visit to London, focusing on engaging with key institutions and enterprises of the international maritime community. This experience offered students a unique opportunity to interact with senior professionals, experts, and representatives of prominent maritime organizations.

On April 7, 2025, the students had the privilege of observing the historic **83rd session** of the **Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC)** of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), during which mid-term measures for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from ships were adopted following months of intense negotiations. They also received a thorough briefing from Ms. Evanthia Kasotaki, Alt. Permanent Representative of Greece to the IMO, regarding the organization's structure and the positions of the Greek delegation.

Later that day, they visited the **Greek Shipping Cooperation Committee (GSCC)**, where the Director, Rear Admiral HCG (ret.) Konstantinos Amarantidis, along with his

colleagues, presented the mission and history of the Committee in promoting Greek shipping interests abroad.

On April 8, 2025, the students visited the offices of **Tsakos Shipping Ltd** in London, where they were given a guided tour and were briefed on the company's innovative operations and chartering activities by Director Mr. Manolis Nerantzis and his team. The day continued with a visit to the **American P&I Club**, where Director Mr. R. Linacre and colleagues delivered a presentation on the role of P&I Clubs in marine insurance and the emerging trends shaping today's shipping landscape.

This visit proved exceptionally beneficial for the students, who gained valuable insights into the inner workings of international maritime policy and industry practice. Through direct engagement with senior professionals and experts, they were able to connect their academic knowledge with real-world challenges and broaden their understanding of the industry's evolving landscape, strengthening their preparation for future careers.

We sincerely thank all the organizations and professionals who warmly welcomed us and generously shared their knowledge and experience.

