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Cal Maritime Welcomes Visiting International Scholars

VALLEJO, Calif., February 18, 2004 – The California Maritime Academy, a campus of the California State University, this semester is welcoming two visiting international scholars to its campus — Dr. Min Seon Choi, from Mokpo Maritime University (MMU) in Mokpo, South Korea, and Dr. Pavel Novikov, from the Admiral Makarov State Maritime Academy in St. Petersburg, Russia. Both will be on campus for several months performing various scholarly activities.

This is the first year of Cal Maritime’s Visiting Scholars Program, a program designed to help students, faculty, and staff learn more about the maritime industry and the nature of maritime education elsewhere in the world.

“We are very pleased to be able to further our exchange agreements with other maritime institutions around the world,” said Bill Eisenhardt, president of Cal Maritime. “We hope to have at least one visiting resident scholar on campus each year and also to expand the opportunities for our faculty and students to study elsewhere as well. It furthers our vision of being an academy that has expertise in global maritime affairs and not just those of the United States.”

Min Seon Choi

Min Seon Choi is the vice director of the Research Institute of Mechanics and Electronics at MMU, as well as an associate professor in the department of marine system engineering. While here, Dr. Choi is conducting scholarly research and studying Cal Maritime’s maritime educational system. He is a visiting member of the Engineering Technology Department.

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A board member of the Korean Society of Marine Engineers, Dr. Choi has authored numerous scholarly publications, including those covering his particular areas of interest: maritime education and training, auxiliary marine machinery, and fluid machinery.

Dr. Choi received both his Ph.D. and M.S. degrees in mechanical engineering from Korea Maritime University in Pusan, South Korea. He also obtained a bachelor's degree in marine engineering at Korea Maritime University.

Dr. Choi will serve as a visiting scholar through the fall semester and will go on Cal Maritime's training cruise this summer.

Pavel Novikov

Visiting scholar Pavel Novikov is the deputy and quality director of Makarov Training Center of the Admiral Makarov State Maritime Academy in Saint Petersburg, Russia. This semester, he has joined the Department of Business Administration and is teaching a course in logistics and guest lecturing in a number of managerial courses.

At the Makarov Training Center, Dr. Novikov is responsible for overall managerial activity connected with organizing and maintaining operations of the Maritime Training Center. His responsibilities include developing new programs, marketing of existing and new services, negotiating contracts with companies and individual clients, and personnel management.

He has organized and presented lectures for managers of international shipping and transportation companies on a number of topics, including logistics, marketing, time management, maritime security and quality management.

Novikov received a Ph.D. in electronic systems for navigation from the State Maritime Academy in St. Petersburg, Russia, where he also received his B.S. degree in electronics engineering. He earned a master's degree in management from the Loeb-Sullivan School of International Business and Logistics at Maine Maritime Academy.

Dr. Novikov will remain on campus through June 14.

About Cal Maritime

Cal Maritime, a campus of The California State University, is one of only seven degree-granting maritime academies in the United States, and the only one on the West Coast. Tucked away in San Pablo Bay's Morrow Cove in Vallejo, Calif., Cal Maritime offers students four-year degrees in business administration, facilities engineering technology, global studies and maritime affairs, marine engineering technology, marine transportation, and mechanical engineering. For more information about Cal Maritime, visit www.csum.edu.

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