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Farewell

Warden Asrat Mekonnen

It was a sad day for the Academy on Friday 10 March 2021 when it said farewell to Warden Asrat Mekonnen who served at the Academy from 13 April 2013 until 28 February 2022. During his tenure he had made a great impact on the many cadets who had the opportunity to interact with him and left a lasting impression on their forming and development as successful, seafarers.

In his farewell to his colleague and mentor Chief Warden Tesfaye Wude had the following to say:

To be honest it is a very sad moment for me to say goodbye to our colleague Master Chief Asrat Mekonnen, who is leaving to attend to the serious medical condition from which he has been suffering. Our relationship began at age 16 when we both joined the Ethiopian Navy in 1962 (long before many of us here were born). We did our basic and other course together and crossed the Equator together receiving our certificates from King Neptune. After that we went our different ways with him following a career in Engineering and me becoming a Marine. With the disbandment of the Ethiopian Navy we went our separate ways only to meet up again at the EMTI working for the next 9 years together as wardens. This we both thoroughly enjoyed as in many ways it reminded us of those years together. On behalf of the wardens I would like to thank you for sharing your vast knowledge and experience with our cadets in order to prepare them for their lives at sea.

The Commandant expressed his gratitude to Warden Asrat for his excellent service and the professional example he set for all even though difficult due to his medical condition at the end.

A certificate in recognition of his service and a plaque was amongst the gifts presented to Warden Asrat as symbols of gratitude. The Academy wishes him fair winds and following seas and a speedy medical recovery.



MEML 7



A reminder to candidates that MEML 7 is scheduled to commence in August 2022.

Potential candidates are once again reminded to contact Mr. Dereje Alemayehu Zemedkun (DZemedkun@emacrew.com) at the Addis Office regarding further information and application to participate in the programme.

REMEMBERING MR DHANSINGH EMERSON DHANSINGH

In our previous newsletter we had the unfortunate task of informing all of the passing of the beloved Mr Dhansingh. It was decided to expand a little bit on his remarkable life and the role he played in the establishment of the electrical training at the Academy.

Mr Dhansingh Emerson Dhansingh was born on April 5, 1938. His father was a teacher teaching in Burma, the present day Myanmar. Early on his life Mr Dhansingh suffered the tragic loss by losing his mother while still being a very young boy. His father later re-married. His father always wanted him to hold a degree in Engineering.

Mr Dhansingh joined the Indian Navy at the tender age of 16. After completing the Naval Academy as a Chief Artificer he broadened his horizons in the commercial world mostly being involved in the establishment of high voltage power plants on land. After working as a supervisor in a manufacturing company in Libya for 5 years he then joined as an electrical officer on an oil rig in India. On completion he worked with Madras Fertilizers Limited in Chennai as electrical supervisor for a couple of years after which he joined a Chennai based dry-dock as works manager for a few years.

He finally decided to float his own venture and started his own ship building and repair company named EDNA Associates. During this period he was involved in the complete ship electrical installation of more than 20 vessels. In 2006 he gave up his shares in the company and commenced full time maritime teaching at the AMET Marine University. Soon teaching at various marine institutes in Chennai he then joined EMTI shortly after the programme commenced.

He was involved in the design and installation of most of the ETO training equipment and designed and developed the EMTI ETO programme which has been successfully conducted since 2013. He served as the ETO Programme Coordinator until 2017 when he retired. He sadly passed away on 26 December 2021.

Mr Dhansingh as a person was a man of great integrity and honor in everything he did. Firm in his beliefs he wouldn't twist it for anyone. Another wonderful quality was his straightforwardness. "He would call a spade a spade and would never mask what he thought" a quality of a man who was his own person. Mr Dhansingh also had a heart of gold and was a downright humanitarian in his own way as many can attest to. Without announcing it to anyone and truly living by the mantra of "Integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is watching" Mr Dhansingh helped uplift the lives of many.

A loving husband, father, and grandfather, who sincerely and dearly loved his family, and a formidable mentor to those who knew him Mr Dhansingh will be missed by many.

In His Own Words: Farewell Speech Of Mr Dhansingh

2 May 2017

Dear Cadets.

All of you have joined EMTI with the sole aim of becoming an officer in the Marine field. Some of you, are nearing your time for graduation and others may have to spend a longer time with EMTI. I am sure that all of you must have realized by now that the life in the campus is very different from what was experienced during your time in your schools and universities. Those were days packed with fun and freedom but here in EMTI campus, it was more of tasks, training and discipline. In the past, it was purely an academic life, preparing you for getting a stature in your academic career but the training here is for shaping you for a strenuous and responsible professional life ahead at sea. Training here is not only for enhancing your knowledge in your own field of engineering but also for reinforcing your discipline, your sense of responsibility and ability to face the many challenges that lies ahead at sea of which you have no idea now. The training atmosphere here therefore had to be different.

Life at sea has many advantages...seeing the world...becoming part of an international community of seafarers... improving your social and financial status in life etc. but it is also filled with hardships...that go with being an officer on board. In the beginning you may feel that many of the hardships are meant to only to crush your young spirits which wants fun and freedom but as you sail through your course, you start accepting and even appreciating the necessity of such training and finally when at sea, you start realising that life at sea could not have been enjoyable and easy to handle without the foundation laid for you at EMTI. Many of the 1000+ cadets who passed out from EMTI have confirmed that. Those that train you are here for an outcome...to share their knowledge and experience with you and pave the way for a better and brighter future for you. They are your mentors. They cannot and will not play "mummy daddy" to you. They can all become very popular by closing their eyes on your mistakes but they will always blow hot and cold as the situation demands during your training. They will appreciate you when it is due and criticize you when you are lagging behind.

It is my parting advice to you to make the best use of training imparted here, the value of which can only be realized when you become a Technical Officer on board a ship.I have been repeating a few proverbs in Ahmaric since ETO 1 and I here repeat them for the last time..In every walk of life, you have to rise up and deserve before you desire...**ye migebbawu befit mignot**. Nothing in this world is gained without some pain. **Yaale mekherra aygenjim injera** ...Be disciplined, study for enhancing your knowledge to the maximum not just to pass an exam. Knowledge is the only wealth that cannot be taken away from you. Be a life-time learner. Develop officer-like qualities in your attire, attitude and habits. Forget about the short term difficulties that you may face but think of the long term benefits waiting for you. A Few years at sea will change you for the better. Your family, friends, your past educational institutions, and your country will be proud of you besides EMTI.

In my career, I have had the opportunity to interact and teach trainees from many countries besides Indians. Indonesians, Nigerians, Sri Lankans for short durations and Libyans and Ethiopians for longer periods. I have found many Ethiopian cadets who have the potential and proper attitude to progress in their careers. There are a few surmountable impediments in your progress. Your addiction to mobiles tops the list. The amount of time that you waste with this addiction can be used more beneficially towards your education. Your hesitation in communicating in English comes next. I say this not out of any special love towards English but it is because English is the only language that can link you with many nationalities with whom you will be interacting in the marine world. The ability to communicate well in English can and will take you to greater heights in the Marine world and EMTI is a good training ground where you must strive to improve your learning and communication skill. Be confident about you and your inner strength. Never doubt "Can I do that". Say "I can do that if I try".

I have held many assignments in my career of 60 years. I consider my experience in EMTI as my swan song. I had the gift of playing an important part in establishing a ETO course in EMTI and seeing many Ethiopian cadets graduating from here, seeing many of them accepted by the ships in which they were placed, hearing positive feedbacks about them from their superiors etc. To see the fruits of your labour is definitely a much greater gift.

And my dear cadets, take care of your health. Be honest and sincere in whatever you do and you have a bright future waiting for you. BEMECHEW ZEMENACHEW HULU MELKAMUN IMMEGNALACHEHUALEHU ...IGZIABHERE YIBARKACHU..... I WISH YOU ALL THE BEST IN YOUR FUTURE..MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL



Mr Dhansingh Emerson Dhansingh Farewell EMTI 2 May 2017

COVID 19

Two and a half years later the danger of COVID in our communities and onboard vessels remain. The disease is still having devastating consequences with (at the end of April 2022) having claimed over 6,2 million lives of the approximately 500 million cases reported around the world. At present over 11 billion vaccination doses have been administered worldwide preventing serious disease, hospitalization, and death.

With new variants of the virus continuously emerging, some more fatal than others this pandemic will continue for a while. It therefore reminds us to get vaccinated, for those who have not, get boosted if vaccinated and continue applying the basic safety precautions of wearing masks in confined spaces, social distancing where required and hygiene measures. **Keep yourself, your families, and shipmates SAFE, and AVOID BECOMING A STATISTIC.**

VISITS



The Academy was privileged to be visited by some of EMTI's clients during the period 21 to 23 March 2022.

The XT Management HR Director Mr Nir Sananes and Electrical Superintendent Mr Avi Hadad spent some time both at the Academy and the EMTI office in Addis Ababa.



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COURSES

Courses Being Conducted:

ME 20 – 6 June 2022 to 8 March 2023

MEML 6 - 7 February to 9 July 2022

ETO 20 - 11 April to 5 October 2022

JOE 34 – 6 June to 2 July 2022

Courses Completed:

ETO 19 (Feb 2022) and ME 19 (1 June 2022)

JOE 33

STCW Refresher Training: Courses SRC 32, 33
34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39

STCW Refresher Courses – It is important to note that your PSCRB and Advanced Fire Fighting courses are only valid for 5 years. Confirm with your crew operator.

Courses Scheduled:

MEML 7 – 8 August 2022 to 7 January 2023

STCW Refresher Training: SRC 40 – August 2022

ME 21 – Commence 3^d Quarter 2022

WE ARE HIRING!

Looking for motivated and energetic senior seafarers (2nd Engineers and Senior ETOs) looking to give back to the Seafaring community and ongoing education and advancement of post-college opportunities. EMTI is actively seeking seafarers to assist in teaching courses as assistant faculty during their periods at home with an opportunity for permanent teaching faculty in the future. Please contact the Addis Office if interested.

RECENT PROMOTIONS

A well-deserved congratulations to the following officers on their recent promotions:

Promotion to Second Engineer

2/E Reda, Cheney Aklilu

2/E Tekle, Dawit Kebede

2/E Mengistu, Tadesse Getahun

2/E Kumbe, Tekalign Oljira

2/E Kidanewold, Fekru Teshome

2/E Azene, Wossen Fetene

Promotion to Third Engineer

3/E Mebratu, Abiy Addisu

3/E Leoulseged, Rediet Ketema

Promotion to Fourth Engineer

4/E Kia, Eyayu Dejene

4/E Bekretzion, Amanuel Assefa

4/E Gebretsadik, Abraham Engida

4/E Wondimu, Dagmawi Ketema

Promotion to Electro Technical Officer

ETO Immam, Ubeyed Muhidin

ETO Abebe, Yidnekachew Wondwossen

ETO Yihunie, Tadesse Belay

ETO Ribiso, Elto Mulatu

ETO Mitikie, Getachew Alemu

ETO Tefera, Getaye Abere

ETO Teweale, Abel Abrha

ETO Haile, Kaleab Gebeyehu

ETO Lema, Misganaw Teju

ETO Mengesha, Yohannes Haftu

ETO Kebede, Sebsbie Zewdu

ETO Amare, Zekarias Fentaw

ETO Getie, Kassahun Abebaw

ETO Nuru, Adnan Mujib

ETO Dawd, Tesfaye Abebe

ETO Mucheye, Tewodros Asfaw



ETO 19 GRADUATION – 9 FEBRUARY 2022



OUR SEAFARERS



2/E Bisetegn Fikremariam Abebaw onboard MV MSC Mumbai



2/E Tessema, 3/E Deco, Oilers Weldegeorgies and Mekuria onboard MV Vantage Sword

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