

# The 2012 IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Address by IMO Secretary-General **Mr. Koji Sekimizu** 

### PRESENTATION CEREMONY

#### CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION

- Mr. Wang Haijie, diver of the rescue vessel Bei Hai Jiu 116,
  Beihai Rescue Bureau, nominated by China, for rescuing four
  fishermen trapped under water in the cabin of the capsized
  fishing vessel Liao Dan Yu 26628;
- the crew of the rescue ship Dong Hai Jiu 116, Donghai Rescue Bureau, nominated by China, for saving the 12 crew members of the stranded containership Jade, in treacherous weather, capsizing in the process; and

(To be received by Mr. Guangling Li, Counsellor (Maritime), Embassy of the People's Republic of China, on behalf of the above-mentioned recipients)

 Coxswain Adrian Johannes Gunter, Crewman Leon Pretorius and Crewman Quentin Diener, volunteer crewmen of the rescue boat Queenie Paine, Station 33, Witsand, National Sea Rescue Institute of South Africa, nominated by South Africa, for the risky search and rescue operation of the four crew members of the catamaran yacht Gulliver, in hazardous weather.

(Accompanied by H.E. Dr. Zola Skweyiya, High Commissioner and Permanent Representative of South Africa to the International Maritime Organization)

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### **WINNERS OF THE 2012 AWARD**

#### **MEDALS AND CERTIFICATES**

(listed in the alphabetical order of the country)

• Sergeant Janick Gilbert (posthumously), Master Corporal Max Lahaye Lemay and Master Corporal Marco Journeyman, crew members of the Royal Canadian Air Force's 424 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron, nominated by Canada, in recognition of the exceptional bravery which was displayed by them, in saving the lives of two Inuit hunters stranded in an open boat in icy waters near Igloolik, Nunavut, but which resulted, sadly, in the tragic loss of Sergeant Gilbert's life.

(Accompanied by H.E. Mr. Gordon Campbell, High Commissioner of Canada, and Mrs. Mélisa Lesquir, Sergeant Gilbert's widow)

 Able Seaman César Flores, a rescue swimmer in the aerial detachment of the Chilean Navy, nominated by Chile, in recognition of the exceptional bravery which he displayed in rescuing seven survivors from the motor launch *Rosita V*, in Locos islet, Moraleda Channel, in extremely dangerous weather, and at considerable risk to his own life.

(Accompanied by H.E. Mr. Tomás E. Müller Sproat, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative of Chile to the International Maritime Organization)

Video footage provided by the Governments of Canada and Chile

### **RECEPTION**

The ceremony will be followed by a reception in the Delegates' Lounge.





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