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Distinguished sponsors, Members of the Executive Council of the Company of Master Mariners, Ladies and Gentleman.

A very Good Evening to you all!

It is both an honour and a genuine pleasure to stand before you tonight at this joyous gathering where we celebrate the generous support of our sponsors who continue to keep the sails of the CMM of Sri Lanka full and blowing.

As a proud member of the Organization of Professional Association of Sri Lanka, The CMM isn't just about ships and cargo.

We are the heartbeat of Sri Lanka's maritime excellence. We advise policymakers, Champion professional development and occasionally argue over who had the toughest experience at sea.

Our membership reads like a who's who of maritime mastery: Master Mariners, Harbour Masters and their trustee deputies, Marine pilots who thread the needle in tight ports, port administrators who keep things running smoothly, Ship Owners, Operators and managers- aka the ones who pay the bills, Ship service providers, crewing and training providers, Marine Surveyors and a whole bunch of logistics and service providers.

In short we are not just good at steering ships. We are jacks of many trades, and masters of quite a few!

Being a Master Mariner mean you are the captain, sometimes engineer, the diplomat, the negotiator, the accountant, the book keeper, the auditor, the bartender, the doctor, the therapist, the lawyer, the peacekeeper and sometimes even the plumber and the carpenter.





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That's the kind of versatility we celebrate tonight. and the kind of excellence your support help us nurture.

Thanks to the generosity, we've expanded our programs, strengthened our community and continued to advise policymakers. You have helped us chart new waters and reach new horizons.

In a world where the maritime industry is navigating digital disruption, sustainability goals and changing weather patterns, your commitment ensures that Sri Lanka remains a shining light on the global shipping map.

On behalf of the Company of Master Mariners, I offer our heartfelt thanks.

You are not just sponsors, you are our co-captains, our compass bearers and even, our lifeboats or the life raft when the budget gets tight.

There is someone very special here whom deserves a special thanks as well. Ms. Sandali Dissanayake who went above and beyond the calling of my office to help the council members organize this successful event. Thank you Sandali for all the hard work that you put in to organize a great AGM for the CMM.

So now, council members, if you'll raise your glasses with me:

Here's to smooth sailing, strong partnership, and a future as vast and promising as the ocean itself. To our sponsors- thank you for being the wind in our sails. Cheers!

Enjoy the rest of this wonderful evening.