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## 2017 BIC Scholarship Award winners announced

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The winners of the 2017 BIC Scholarship awards have been announced. The scholarship program was launched in 2015 to support the container industry's leaders of tomorrow and encourage continued focus on safety, security, standardization and sustainability in the intermodal container industry. Eligibility extends to university and maritime academy students enrolled in a program related to container transportation. Candidates were judged on the basis of academic achievement, as well as an essay related to container safety, security, standardization or sustainability. Ten awards (six undergraduate and four graduates) were available in 2017.

### The undergraduate winners for 2017 are (left to right):



*Ai Kitamura worked in port security at the Tokyo Port Management Office, Bureau of Port and Harbor, Tokyo. She follows a Master's Degree in Maritime Economics and Logistics at Erasmus University Rotterdam. Hao Huang completed a Bachelor's degree in Navigation Technology. Hong Yu is currently an undergraduate at Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore. Having majored in Maritime Studies, his interest lies in the shipping and commodity-trading industry. Chin Pang Ngai is a final-year undergraduate in Maritime Studies with a second major in business from Nanyang Technological University. Alex Lee Yung Seong follows the same Degree at NTU. Goh Qing Sheng is an application engineer at Stahl Asia Pacific Pte Ltd. Before joining Nanyang Technological University, he graduated from Singapore Polytechnic.*



*Gabriel Fuentes Lezcano is a graduate student at the World Maritime University in Malmö, Sweden. His current interests relate to the use of operations research and big-data analytics for maritime business-intelligence solutions. Pratchi Rajan Mallick is a graduate student in Maritime Affairs at World Maritime University in Malmo and is currently working on network analysis of port systems in South Asia. Alan Alexander is a certified Class 5 ship engineering officer with the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore and is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Maritime Economics and Logistics from Erasmus University Rotterdam. Gowtham Rajendran pursues a Master's program in supply-chain engineering and management at Jacobs University Bremen. He worked for two years as a quality-control engineer in the brake-disc manufacturing company where he was coordinating brake-disc production and transportation.*

**The BIC wishes to congratulate the 2017 winners and to thank all this year's candidates for their submissions.**

About the BIC: Founded in 1933 as a neutral, non-profit international organization, the BIC promotes the safe, secure and sustainable expansion of containerization and intermodal transportation. Publisher of the BIC Code Register since 1970, the BIC was appointed by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) in 1972 as the industry's global container prefix registry, a role further endorsed by international customs conventions. The BIC has over 2500 container-operating members in 120 countries. The BIC's new BoxTech Technical Characteristics Database allows for efficient sharing of container characteristics, including tare weights for SOLAS VGM declarations.

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