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2018 BIC Scholarship Award Winners announced

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The winners of the 2018 BIC Scholarship awards have been announced.

The scholarship program was launched in 2015 to help support the container industry's leaders of tomorrow and to 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. Six Awards (Three undergraduate and three graduates) were available in 2018.

The undergraduate winners for 2018 are (left to right):



***Yi Ren** is currently an undergraduate at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore. Having majored in Maritime Studies, his interest lies in shipping and the supply chain industry. He runs a small business which provides logistics services in his school. During his free time, he enjoys travelling and reading on current affairs.*

***Alissa Ong** holds a degree in Maritime Studies from Nanyang Technological University. As a student, she was interested in the latest issues concerning the shipping industry – such as environmental concerns and technological advancements. She is passionate about exploring new ideas and solutions ahead towards changes in the shipping industry, especially in areas of*



container transportation. Alissa now works at PSA Singapore, the busiest transshipment hub in the world.

***Pang Jin Zhuang** is currently in a Final Year Student at Nanyang Technological University, majoring in Bachelor of Science in Maritime Studies. He intends to work as a line manager or similar role in the liner shipping segment upon graduation.*

The graduate winners for 2018 are



***Sabir Mahmood** is currently pursuing Masters in Maritime Affairs, specializing in Ocean Sustainability, Governance and Management (OSGM) at the World Maritime University in Sweden. He is a graduate in nautical science and has served as a Merchant Marine Officer at sea for 15 years, including 5 years in command. He has worked as Chief of Nautical Studies at Bangladesh Marine Academy for the last 8 years. He has also completed a Masters degree in law and worked as maritime surveyor and lawyer in Bangladesh.*

***Wajira Premathilaka** is currently pursuing his Master of Science degree (Port Management) at World Maritime University, Malmö, Sweden. Before joining WMU, he was working as a vessel operations manager at Jaya Container Terminal-Port of Colombo, Sri Lanka. In addition to above, he is professionally qualified with PMP® accreditation from PMI (USA), has obtained MBA from Cardiff Metropolitan University (UK), holds PG. Dip (Project Mgt.) and also B.Sc. (Hons.) (Maritime Transportation) from Faculty of Engineering, University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka. His current interests relate to Port Operations and Maritime Affairs and recently completed internship at International Maritime Organization (IMO) headquarters-United Kingdom.*



Abud Jamal Said is a graduate student at the World Maritime University in Sweden, currently specializing in Shipping Management and Logistics. He is a maritime professional of over 10 years' experience, with areas of expertise in shipping, logistics, freight forwarding and international trade. A Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers, Abud is currently a Director of the Kenya National Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Mombasa, where he is involved in advocacy and capacity building on matters relating to international trade, logistics and the maritime industry in Kenya. Prior to his study at WMU, his academic qualifications include a Bachelor of Commerce specializing in transport and logistics, and marine insurance.

The BIC wishes to congratulate the 2018 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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