

Students set record in shipbroking exams

Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers celebrates milestone as 300 students complete exams

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A RECORD number of students have completed the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers' professional qualifying exams, making them eligible for membership of the institute.

More than 300 students, from a pool of 2,500, have been notified of their success today.

Students registered for more than 6,000 exams this year in 95 different exam centre locations across the globe. This compares with 85 centres last year.

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demonstrate the increasing global thirst for maritime knowledge.

ICS director Julie Lithgow said the institute was extremely pleased with the efforts of all those connected with the exams had been rewarded by these results.

"That we are seeing increases in student registrations, in examinations being taken and in better results is highly satisfying," she said.

ICS chairman Tony Dixon added year-on-year numbers were increasing and results were improving.

"Having been in the shipping industry for so many years, it is heartening to see this pursuit for excellence in a business that affects millions of people worldwide," he said.

The ICS said managing 6,000

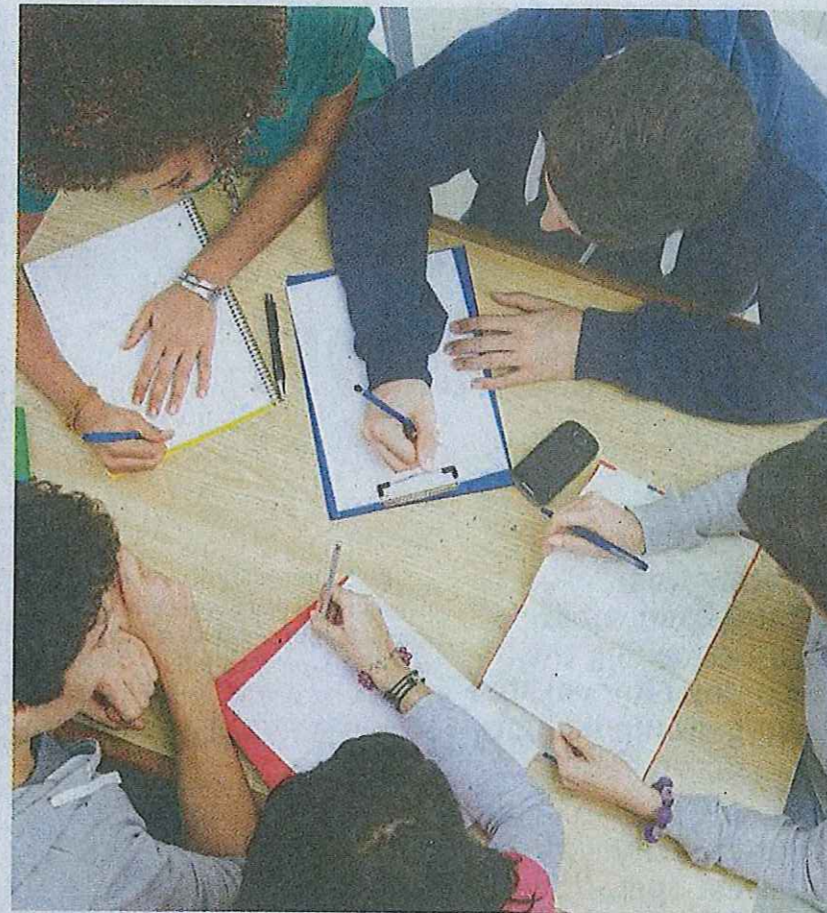
exams in 95 exam centres had represented quite a logistical exercise and there had been a few challenges along the way.

One example it gave was when students sitting their exams in Dubai were asked to evacuate the building half-way through their papers, due to the after-shock from an earthquake in Iran leading to worries about the safety of the building.

In Tripoli, a student due to sit at the British Council did not make it, as the building was closed following a bomb blast at a nearby embassy.

In both cases, the ICS said arrangements were made for the students to sit their exams at a later date. ■

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Students registered for more than 6,000 exams in 95 exam centre locations. Shutterstock

London evening classes for shipping professionals



Maritime Education & Training is open for enrolment for the new academic year 2013-2014 in preparation for the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers Examinations in April 2014.

Evening classes are held close to Angel Tube station, Islington: this year from September 9 until March 27.

Details are available at www.metl.info and all inquiries may be sent to admin@metl.info. ■