

## Consultations in Hong Kong

The Commission reconvened in Hong Kong on 8 August at premises provided by the Hong Kong Marine Department.

The Commission received presentations from senior industry managers and officials of the Marine Department. All parties expressed strong support for the work of the commission.

A notable theme of all presentations and discussions in Hong Kong was the concept of quality registers and responsible and active flag states.

The Commissioners engaged in considerable discussion with all parties including a large contingent of shipowner representatives who were again strongly supportive of the objectives of ICONS.

Topics discussed included ship financing, training, man power planning and the loss of expertise, the role and functions of class, the need for transparency (this was very strongly expressed), the effectiveness of IMO and ISM and non-regulatory measures to encourage quality shipping.

The Commission completes its Asian tour in Tokyo, August 9-10.