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TO MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Dear Member:

HIV/AIDS: BE SAFE NOT SORRY

Seafarers face the risk of exposure to HIV/AIDS everywhere in the world. Members have an obvious interest in eliminating, or at least limiting, the risk of such exposure. To meet the needs of seafarers, the Transport and Tourism Division of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), in collaboration with UNDP SEAHIV, UNAIDS and the Singapore Maritime Academy has developed a Computer-Based Training Program on HIV/AIDS.



The result is relevant and user-friendly training material consisting of a CD-ROM, a student's course book and an instructor's manual. The program allows students to work individually, with additional case studies designed for a classroom environment. The course consists of eight modules, covering a range of topics including facts about HIV/AIDS, HIV prevention, testing, and living and working with people with HIV/AIDS. The material is intended to be used both at training institutes and on-board ship as part of workplace policies.

Members are encouraged to acquire this material to prevent HIV/AIDS infection among their seafarers. Copies of the material can be acquired from the UN ESCAP, Rajadamnern Nok Ave., Bangkok, 10200, Thailand. Ph.: 66-2 288-1376, Fax: 66-2 288-6042/3050.

More information can also be found at <http://www.unescap.org/ttdw/index.asp?MenuName=HIVAIDS>.

Yours faithfully,
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