3 new tertiary maritime courses on offer

THREE new tertiary courses catering to the marine industry were unveiled yesterday, as part of a push to boost the talent pool in the booming maritime sector.

The courses have been developed in a partnership between the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) and the National University of Singapore (NUS).

Details of the courses were announced by Minister of State for Finance and Transport Lim Hwee Hua, who spoke at the Eighth Maritime Forum.

She said the courses aim to increase Singapore’s maritime industry talent pool.

One course, an offshore oil and gas technology specialisation being offered at the NUS Department of Mechanical Engineering, aims to boost the number of naval architects and engineers. It got under way this year, drawing an overwhelming response from engineering undergraduates.

A total of 64 students are taking the course, more than double initial expectations of only 30.

The other two courses – a masters’ degree in maritime law and a graduate diploma in maritime law and arbitration – are to be offered at NUS’ Faculty of Law in the next academic year.

These aim to provide specialised maritime law knowledge to both law graduates and maritime executives without any formal legal training.

For the law courses, MPA will subsidise 60 per cent of the course fees through the local maritime post-graduate scholarship scheme, to enhance the accessibility of these courses.