



**Institute of Transportation,
Ministry of Transportation and
Communications, R.O.C.**

Press Release on March 11, 2014

Please release immediately.

Contact Persons: Director, Yung-Fang Chiu

Associate Researcher, Ching-Sung Liu

Telephone: 04-26587101 or 04-26587136

Fax: 04-26571329

E-mail: yfchiu@mail.ihmt.gov.tw ; ason@mail.ihmt.gov.tw

Website: www.iot.gov.tw

**The 「Mazue」 spokesman,
who ensure the travel safety of the Blue Highway**

If you are a lover of sailing travel . Have you ever felt uncomfortable while you on the cruise ship due to billow? Have you ever waited for a long time at the port until feel fidgeting, but still don't know when the ship will be arrived, and then you almost lost your enthusiasm of trip, even delayed your schedule? Have you ever tried to find the related information about ocean that you're interested in, but disturb for nothing of basic data you can obtain? Now, we would like to advise you a good news is that the Harbor Environment Information website and Blue Highway System is constructed completely, where can resolve your problems might be happened. (Link: http://isohe.ihmt.gov.tw/station/Route_V1/Index.aspx)

If the passengers who have the mobile internet device, then they are able to get the marine meteorology information about 14 different Blue Highway through Harbor Environment Information website and Blue Highway subsystem, such as the ocean meteorological information about wind velocity & direction, wave height & direction...etc. In addition, they are also able to obtain the real-time information about the location of vessels, direction of sailing, speed of sailing, port of destination and estimated arrival time...etc.

Passengers can check with the marine meteorology simulation information & time table of vessel before the day as well to choose the best situation at the right time. In this way, they are able to prevent any

seasickness might be happened during their trip on the cruise ship. The captain can get the related real-time & forecast Marine information through the Blue Highway System as well, to judge it is suitable for sailing or not so that the safety of sailing will be increased.

The aforementioned information will cooperate with the project of App this year for providing more diversify of services. Through the integration of marine meteorology & cruise ship, it not only increase the safety of sailing on the Blue Highway, but also enable passengers to control the real-time of sailing as well as the variations of marine status during their trip. Therefore, passengers can use the 「 **Blue Highway Information Service** 」 from 「 **The Harbor Environment Information website** 」 , to plan a safe and comfortable journey in the ocean.

In the previous times that insufficient of information, people couldn't control the marine meteorology because the weather is changeable. So they usually pray Mazue to bless them arrive at the destination in safety. But now, let us serve you through this system to guide you the best way.