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AMC announces appointment of new Principal

Following an extensive national and international search, Professor Neil Bose has been appointed Principal of the Australian Maritime College (AMC) at the University of Tasmania.

The Chairman of the AMC Board, Dr Michael Vertigan AC, confirmed the appointment today (**Friday 15 February 2013**).

Prof Bose has a distinguished academic career in the field of marine propulsion, including a previous appointment as Canada Research Chair in Offshore and Underwater Vehicles Design, Memorial University of Newfoundland (where he won the President's Award for Outstanding Research in 1992). He joined the AMC in May 2007 as Professor of Maritime Hydrodynamics and has been Acting Principal since January 2012.

In helping to build a strong research culture at AMC, Prof Bose has taken the lead in a number of major projects, including two ongoing Australian Research Council Linkage Projects, one devoted to large energy-efficient multi-hulls (\$1.3 million) and the other to oscillating water column ocean wave energy converters (\$900,000).

This is a time of significant opportunity for AMC now that its integration with the University of Tasmania is complete with the official acceptance by the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Mr Anthony Albanese, of the final post-integration report. The Minister found that all conditions relating to the five-year integration period of the AMC and the University have been met. In correspondence from Mr Albanese, dated 1 February 2013, the Minister reaffirmed the Federal Government's support for the integration: *"The Australian Government remains committed to the successful integration of the AMC into the University to strengthen the role of AMC as Australia's national centre for maritime education, training and research"*.

“The AMC is poised to play a key part in maritime workforce reform, which is a major national initiative,” Dr Vertigan said.

A Memorandum of Understanding has recently been signed with Challenger Institute of Technology (WA) and TAFE NSW Hunter Institute which will enable increased co-operation and coherence between educational institutions and courses.

“The Board has recently revitalised the strategic mission of the AMC to embrace high-quality maritime education and training, high quality research, enhanced industry and stakeholder engagement, and a greater emphasis on collaboration both nationally and internationally.”

Professor Bose said he was “extremely enthusiastic about leading AMC through these exciting times of revitalisation, change and development”.

“AMC, with strong support from UTAS at all levels, has an agenda to build on its national mandate and international presence, nurture the professional development of its staff and strengthen its academic profile. AMC aspires to national and international excellence in maritime training, education and research, strong industry connections and leading edge, innovative solutions.”

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Tasmania, Professor Peter Rathjen, welcomed Professor Bose’s appointment. “It is very satisfying to find that after a worldwide search the best person to steer the AMC into a new era is the person already at the helm. I have every confidence that Neil will take the AMC to a new level as an institute of local, national and international renown.”

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