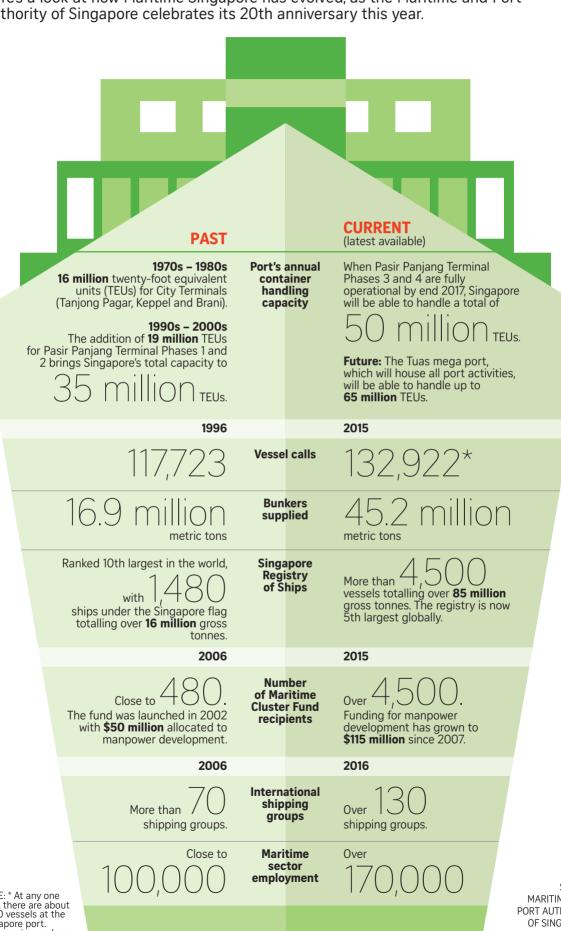
The journey so far

Singapore's maritime industry, backed by its strategic location in the heart of key trade flows, has grown into a thriving ecosystem over the years. Central to this is the Singapore port — one of the busiest in the world and the top transshipment and bunkering (ship refuelling) hub globally. Today, the maritime industry provides some 170,000 jobs and accounts for about 7 per cent of the country's economic growth. Here's a look at how Maritime Singapore has evolved, as the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore celebrates its 20th anniversary this year.



NOTE: * At any one time, there are about 1,000 vessels at the Singapore port. A ship arrives or leaves Singapore every 2 to 3 minutes.

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