



INTRODUCING *LOGOS HOPE*

MV *Logos Hope* is renowned for being the world's largest floating book fair. But this inspiring vessel is so much more. As well as her cargo of discount literature, *Logos Hope* carries a crew of international volunteers who are dedicated to a unique vision and purpose: bringing knowledge, help and hope to the people of the world.

Operated by GBA Ships, a non-profit organisation based in Germany, *Logos Hope* continues the work of her sister ships *Logos*, *Doulos* and *Logos II*. The vessels have visited more than 160 countries and territories since 1970, welcoming 46 million people on board. *Logos Hope* was launched into service in 2009 and is the organisation's largest ship, carrying a crew of 400.

THE *LOGOS HOPE* COMMUNITY

Representing 60 nationalities, *Logos Hope's* floating community is a genuine expression of international co-operation and goodwill. The 400 volunteers come from all walks of life, have diverse professions, are a mix of ages, and sometimes come as whole families including children – who have their own school on board.

Everyone has a role to play in keeping the ship running and enabling the community to function: from those with professional seafaring and engineering skills to the onboard clinic team, teachers and cooks. No-one receives a salary, regardless of whether they are the captain or one of the cleaners. Each crewmember has raised sponsorship to cover the costs of their two-year period of service.

Motivated by their own personal faith, the ship's volunteers strive to make a difference in the lives of people they meet in ports around the world. Their time on board also broadens their horizons as they visit different places and serve alongside people from other cultures. Over the last four decades, millions of people have been impacted and inspired by a ship visit to their country.



HISTORY

Logos Hope was constructed in 1973 and first named *Gustav Vasa*. Originally built as a passenger car ferry, the vessel sailed North Atlantic routes. In 1983, the ship changed hands to the Smyril Line, was renamed *Norröna* and sailed between the Faroe Islands and Denmark.

In 2004, GBA Ships e.V. (Good Books for All) was able to raise the funds to buy *Norröna* as a replacement vessel for *Logos II*. The ship was completely renovated for her role as the new 'book ship' and renamed *Logos Hope*.

The word *Logos* is Greek, and is traditionally translated as 'word, thought, principle or speech'. In the Bible, it is used to refer to the person of Jesus Christ. *Logos Hope's* crewmembers all follow Christ's example for their lives.

TECHNICAL DATA

Year Built	1973
Place Built	Rendsburg, Germany
Gross Tonnage	12,519
Design Draught	5.22 m
Length	132.50 m
Beam	21.06 m
Decks	9
Berths	442
Engine Output	16,000 bhp
Port Of Registry	Valletta, Malta
Call Sign	9HA2851

GBA Ships e.V.

GBA Ships e.V. is a non-profit organisation based in Germany which operates ships that sail around the world to bring knowledge, help and hope. Since 1970 our ships, known for their floating book fairs, have made almost 1,500 port visits in over 150 countries and territories and welcomed over 46 million visitors on board.

OUR VISION

- Providing access to high-quality literature
- Expressing practical love to those in need
- Promoting peace by embracing diversity
- Guiding people towards a purposeful life



LOGOS HOPE 2004–NOW



DOULOS 1977–2009



LOGOS II 1989–2008



LOGOS 1970–1988



BRINGING KNOWLEDGE

More than 46 million visitors have passed through one of the onboard book fairs since the ships began sailing in 1970. That's a figure equivalent to one person in every 170 of the world's population. Visitors to *Logos Hope* are offered a selection of over 5,000 titles for the whole family across a wide range of categories; including science, medicine, dictionaries, languages, sports, hobbies, cookery, the arts, novels and children's books.

Publishers around the world are generous in supplying a fantastic range of unsold books. This allows *Logos Hope* to offer its stock to people in less well-off parts of the world at a fraction of the original purchase price.

For each port visit, efforts are made to ensure that material is available in the local language. These supplement the huge selection of English books on offer.

Logos Hope also extends literary aid to people in developing countries; through donations of textbooks and reference volumes to individuals, schools and universities, libraries, and community groups.



BRINGING HELP

Millions of people around the world live in conditions of poverty. They may be suffering the consequences of natural disaster, war, or disease. Many are disadvantaged by malnutrition, or a lack of basic education or healthcare. Others may be gripped by addiction, depression and hopelessness.

GBA Ships believes in making a positive difference for everyone we encounter, regardless of their background or creed. In collaboration with local partners, we come alongside communities to help in the most appropriate way. Here is a sample of some of our aid and relief initiatives:

PROMOTING PEACE

Papua New Guinea (1999) – Leaders of rival factions in a civil war commit to reconciliation in an historic event facilitated by the ship.

Ghana (2010 & 2016) – Hundreds of tribal chiefs come together, despite their differences, for co-operative seminars on board.

BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE FOR CHILDREN

Myanmar (1998 & 2002) – The Agape Orphanage is constructed, then further developed on a return visit.

Liberia (2000 & 2010) – Orphanages are rebuilt and more than 50,000 books are donated to community groups and colleges. Young people are taught how to use computers.

Gabon (2016) – Village children receive footwear which will last for up to five years, thanks to donations of “The Shoe That Grows”.

Cameroon (2016) – Children who have been rescued from living on the streets benefit from a new library and other practical improvements at their residential centre.

HIV & AIDS AWARENESS

West Africa (2002, 2003, 2010 & 2016) – HIV & AIDS testing and education programmes are conducted in almost every port.

CONSTRUCTION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Guyana (2009 & 2017) – Multiple building projects are completed, to benefit families in need and enhance community facilities.

Sri Lanka (2014) – Underprivileged women are taught how to sew and a skills training centre is launched.

Spain (2016) – A rehabilitation centre which cares for addicts is refurbished, and men with mental disabilities have their living quarters redecorated.

Ghana (2016) – College students, local government agencies and law enforcement officers receive training on the issue of human trafficking.



BRINGING HOPE

Logos Hope's volunteers come from 60 different nations and cultures. Despite their differences, they seek to understand and respect one another, and work together to serve whoever they meet in each and every port. Inspired by their interaction with this vibrant faith-based community, visitors to the ship and recipients of the help it offers are given hope for restoration of relationships in their own families and communities. The crewmembers' personal stories of growth and transformation never fail to make an impact on people in each port of call; as well as providing great encouragement to those who support *Logos Hope's* work from all over the world.

Events on board and on shore are tailored to address local issues or needs in each individual port. Seminars on relevant topics, such as marriage, HIV& AIDS awareness, hygiene, and human trafficking, can provide new impetus for change. The wide range of literature on board also offers visitors opportunities for personal development and career advancement.

Each person in the world is gifted with talents and passions. GBA Ships also trains its crewmembers during their period of service, in areas including:

- Life skills
- Personality types and problem solving
- Cross-cultural perspectives
- Communication and conflict resolution
- Ethics
- Leadership



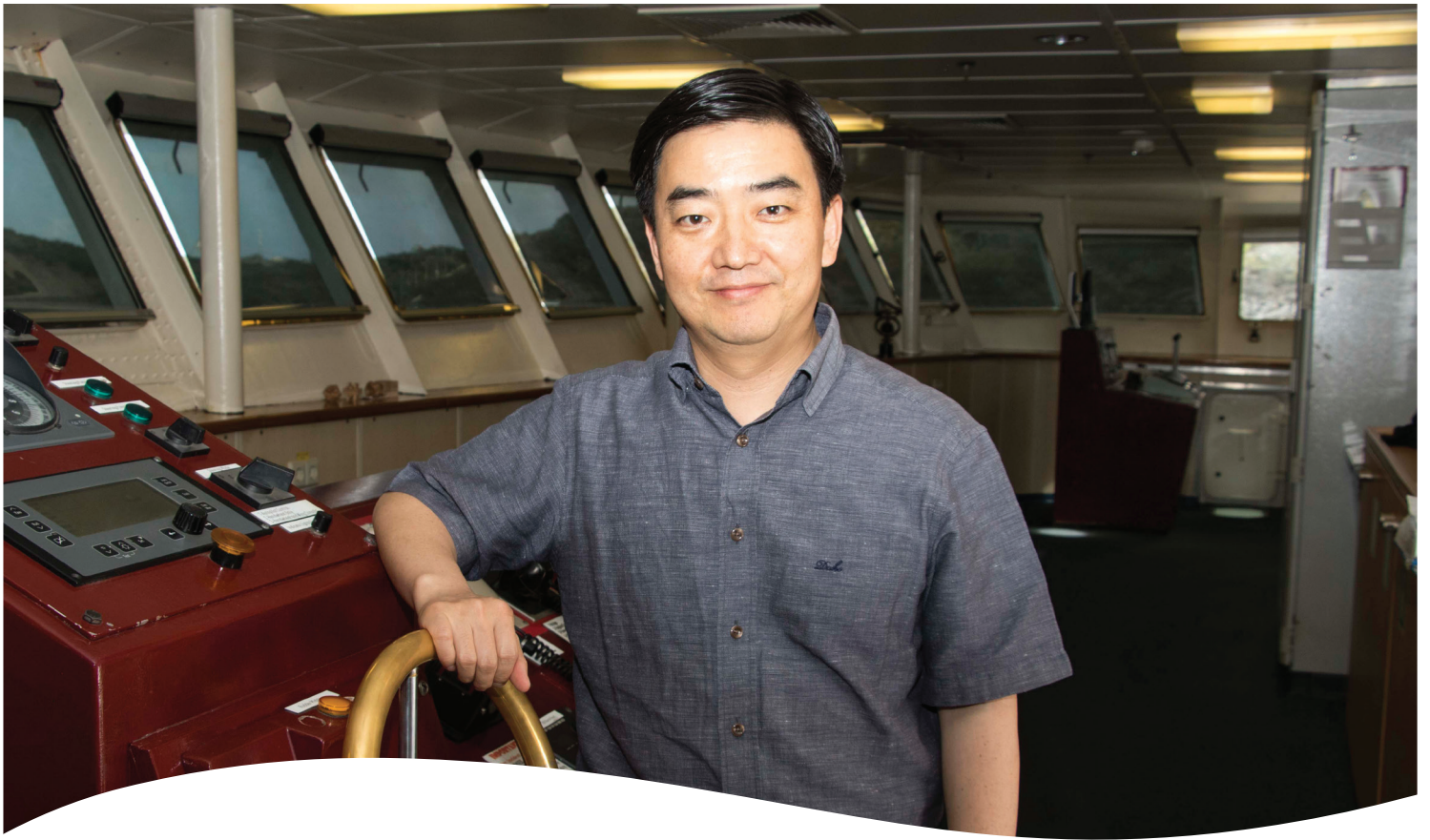
Seelan Govender

CEO, GBA Ships

Seelan Govender from South Africa assumed overall leadership of GBA Ships in May 2017 after serving with the organisation for over fifteen years in multiple leadership roles. His first voyage was with *Doulos* in 1999, and in 2009, he became director. Only weeks later, the Marine Operations team discovered that the ship could no longer sail and would have to be decommissioned. His responsibilities took a major turn as he led the ship's community through the transition.

From 2010 to 2017, Seelan lived on board *Logos Hope* with his family. After serving as managing director for two years, he was asked to step into the role of CEO. Seelan is married to Carlien and they have two children, Tessa and Milan.

As CEO, Seelan is responsible for the overall leadership and management of the organisation, including shore-based functions and the ship *Logos Hope*.



Pil-Hun Park

Managing Director, *Logos Hope*

Born in South Korea, Pil-Hun Park studied for his Bachelor of Arts at Korea University and followed with a Master of Divinity at ChongShin Theological Seminary. In 1994 he joined *Logos II*, where he gained valuable cross-cultural experience.

After two and a half years on board, he returned to South Korea, where he was ordained as a pastor and served with his family at SaRang Church in Seoul. He returned to GBA Ships in 2005 to serve on board *Doulos* as Partner Ministries Manager, Training Coordinator and Associate Director until January 2010.

In May 2017, Pil-Hun took on the role of managing director on *Logos Hope* and is responsible for the leadership and management of the ship. He is married to MiAe and they have two children, EunCheol and JiYoon.

CONTACT INFORMATION

High-quality photos are available upon request. For more information or resources, or to arrange ship visits for members of the press, please contact the *Logos Hope* media relations officer at annika.lee@gbaships.org

