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Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Ship's Company of His Majesty's New Zealand Ship CANTERBURY, it gives me great pleasure to thank you for your generous donations, comprising a grant to our Ship's Welfare Fund and an award to one of our outstanding sailors.

HMNZS CANTERBURY is blessed to be affiliated with the World Traders Association, and we are honoured to be the only non-British warship to have received this contribution from your organisation. Our shared visions of maintaining the security of the sea lanes, and providing support to our respective nation, our neighbours, and our partners, unite us. The grant of one thousand pounds has been gratefully received into our Ship's Welfare Fund, and will be used to directly benefit the morale and wellbeing of our Ship's Company.

It is heartening also to share in the recognition of contributions and performance of an individual, as well as that of our fine ship. Our very own Petty Office Marine Technician (Propulsion) Sanjay Goundar is honoured to be the recipient of the inaugural World Traders Bowl, alongside his selection as our 'Cantabrian of the Year' for 2023. His dedication to the Royal New Zealand Navy has been truly exemplary and the recognition you provide through the award of the World Traders Bowl and contribution of five hundred pounds will go a long way in rewarding distinction and fostering a drive to excel.

Your generous gestures highlight the strong spirit of comradery and mutual respect between our organisations and the nations we represent. We look forward to deepening our relationship in the years to come.

Yours faithfully,

BA Heslop
Commander, Royal New Zealand Navy
Commanding Officer, HMNZS CANTERBURY