



## A Documentary on the *Lisbon Maru* Incident

Laurel Films are making a documentary film about the sinking of the *Lisbon Maru* on 2 October 1942 and we would like to contact relatives of all those British prisoners of war who were on the ship. Please get in touch if you are willing to share your memories, photographs, letters or any other material. We hope that your contribution will preserve and respect the memory of your relative and help us bring this terrible human tragedy to life.

Anything you share will be treated sensitively. Screenwriter and producer Fang Li, who runs Laurel Films, has a personal ambition to ensure that the 828 British prisoners of war who perished in the disaster are not forgotten, and nor are all the other British and allied servicemen who fought in the Far East – many sacrificing their lives and others facing terrible suffering – all in the defence of freedom.

Laurel Films is an established Chinese film company with a string of successful productions and the winner of international awards and plaudits. We have pulled together an award-winning team to produce a comprehensive and authoritative documentary about the sinking of the *Lisbon Maru*.

We will be collecting data, film footage, documents, photographs and other material from a wide range of sources in the UK, the USA, Hong Kong, China and Japan to compile the most complete record of the incident ever produced. Your contribution will help us produce the fullest possible account, fleshed out with individual human stories, many of which will be very moving. The event is not widely known about and our aim is to spread knowledge more broadly. The film will be produced in English for an international audience and will also be screened in other languages. Filming has already started and we plan to release the documentary in early 2020.

We have appointed Major Brian Finch as our UK liaison contact. Brian served with one of the *Lisbon Maru* survivors, and has recently published his English translation of a Chinese book on the subject, *A Faithful Record of the “Lisbon Maru” Incident*, published by Proverse Hong Kong in November 2017. He can be contacted at: [bfinch@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:bfinch@tiscali.co.uk).