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Chinese language TV crew document navy life

ing to me and my crew," said Clement Tang, reporter and anchorman. "I immediately got the impression the navy takes its responsibility of informing and educating the Chinese-Canadian community about its operations and possible career paths very seriously."

To add some flare to the coverage, sailors performed two damage control demonstrations involving firefighting techniques and flood response. Then the crew went into "action stations" for a bridge warning organization, the response the ship takes to small boat attacks. The attacking small boat was simulated by the ship's RHIB..

To beef up the footage, the crew conducted firing of the 50 calibre machine gun with blank ammuni-

tion, line handling, small boat operations, high-speed maneuvering, bridge operations, navigation, seamanship briefings, and dinner in the mess.

Four Chinese-Canadian sailors were interviewed to provide a personal touch to the segment.

Lt(N) Chow, PO2 Shei, PO1 Tin and SLt Wang spoke candidly of their experiences as sailors in the Royal Canadian Navy.

Commander Alex Barlow, the ship's captain, rounded out the interviews by speaking of the humanitarian missions that make up much of the navy's work. A highlight of his military career was providing aid to Haiti after the devastating earthquake in 2010.

The film crew devoured a well-earned meal after

a day clambering up and down ladders between *Ottawa's* decks lugging their equipment.

Tang said his film crew had no trouble sleeping despite the cramped sleeping quarters.

"I quickly realized you burn up a lot of calories working and living on a warship, and that it's very hard work, which is not necessarily the message conveyed on television and in the movies," said Tang. "They always have to be alert and ready 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

The Magazine 26 segment on *HMCS Ottawa* is expected to air in early spring. For more information about Fairchild TV and Magazine 26 visit their website www.fairchildtv.com



Clement Tang interviews a sailor to get an up-close look at life in the navy.