

**6<sup>th</sup> CO-OPERATION FORUM UNDER THE CO-OPERATIVE MECHANISM ON THE SAFETY OF NAVIGATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN THE STRAITS OF MALACCA AND SINGAPORE**

**7 – 8 OCTOBER 2013, BALI - INDONESIA**

**REPORT OF THE MEETING**

**1. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

- 1.1 The Sixth Meeting of the Co-operation Forum (hereinafter refer to as the Forum) under the Co-operative Mechanism on the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (hereinafter refer to as the Straits) amongst Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore (hereinafter to refer as the Littoral States), user States and other stakeholders of the Straits, was held from 7 to 8 October 2013 at the Grand Inna Kuta, Bali, Indonesia.
- 1.2 The list of participants is attached as **Annex 1**.
- 1.3 Capt. Bobby R. Mamahit, the Director General for Sea Transportation, Ministry of Transportation Indonesia welcomed all delegates to the Forum and delivered his welcoming speech and further highlighted the importance of Co-operative Mechanism to enhance the safety of navigation and environmental protection in the Straits. Following, Head of Delegations of Malaysia and Head of Delegations of Singapore delivered their speeches and reiterated the importance of Co-operation Forum which not only as an avenue to exchange views and ideas, but also ensure the Forum demonstrates our collective interest and commitment that all programs can be implemented effectively in line with the aims and objectives of the Co-operative Mechanism.
- 1.4 His Excellency, E.E Mangindaan, the Minister for Transportation of the Republic of Indonesia officially opened the Forum and welcomed all Delegates of 6th CF to Bali. He noted the excellent progress of Co-operative Mechanism since it was established in 2007. Moreover, the Minister noted that the way of practicality and effectiveness of the CF framework have moved Littoral States, user States as well as contributors ahead to co-operate under the principle of mutual commitment and common interests. The Minister also expressed his appreciation to contributors for their continued support and contribution in the Co-operative Mechanism.
- 1.5 On behalf of the littoral States, Minister E.E. Mangindaan presented tokens of appreciation to Malaysia, Singapore, Australia, China, Germany, India, Japan, IMO, Malacca Strait Council, and The Nippon Foundation in recognition of their assistance and contribution to Straits Projects in the Straits to enhance the Safety of Navigation and Marine Environmental Protection.
- 1.6 The speeches delivered by Minister for Transportation Republic of Indonesia E.E. Mangindaan, Director General for Sea Transportation Ministry of Transportation Republic of Indonesia, and Heads of Delegation of the Littoral States are attached in **Annex 2**.

## **2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

- 2.1 The Provisional Agenda of the 6th Co-operation Forum was adopted. The Agenda is attached in **Annex 3**.

## **3. BUSINESS ARRANGEMENT**

- 3.1 The Forum agreed to conduct the meeting fully in Plenary.

## **4. CO-OPERATIVE MECHANISM IN THE STRAITS OF MALACCA AND SINGAPORE (SOMS)**

- 4.1 The Forum noted the following presentations:
- 4.1.1 Update on Aids to Navigation Fund (by Singapore)
  - 4.1.2 Update on IMO Malacca and Singapore Straits Trust Fund (by IMO)
  - 4.1.3 Update on Projects under the Co-operative Mechanism (by Singapore)
  - 4.1.4 Users' Point of View User States' Contribution to the Co-operative Mechanism (by Japan)
  - 4.1.5 Users' Point of View Activities and View of the Malacca Straits Council (by MSC)
- 4.2 The Forum acknowledged the contributions received from the stakeholders with the total amount of US \$ 17.5 million, which the contributors are the Nippon Foundation, IFAN, MSC, UAE, Republic of Korea, IMO Malacca and Singapore Straits Trust Fund, Saudi Arabia, India, China and Japan. Furthermore, the forum noted the estimated balance amount ANF available for the maintenance and replacement of Aids to Navigation is US \$ 5,042,254.83.
- 4.3 The Forum welcomed with high appreciation the IMO fund as a complementary fund of the Aids to Navigation Fund (ANF). Furthermore, it noted several key points for a sustainable Aids to Navigation Fund, among others by ensuring stable contributions by financial aid to the ANF and enhancing technical assistance aiming capacity building to Littoral States addressed by Japan and MSC. MSC further stressed the importance of the participation and equitable contribution of the User States and Stakeholders.

## **5. MARINE ELECTRONIC HIGHWAY AND E-NAVIGATION**

- 5.1 The Forum noted the following presentation:
- 5.1.1 Overview of Marine Electronic Highway (By Indonesia)
  - 5.1.2 Industry's Perspective (By BIMCO "BIMCO's view on E-Navigation and its Relation to Safe Passage in the SOMS)
- 5.2 The Forum noted several issues in the Marine Electronic Highway that needs to be addressed. It agreed to further discuss the issues in the 38<sup>th</sup> TTEG.
- 5.3 The Forum noted the possibility to utilize E-Navigation to enhance the safety of navigation and the protection of marine environment in the Straits.
- 5.4 The Forum further agreed with IMO suggestion to incorporate the discussion on the Marine Electronic Highway (MEH) and E- Navigation into Safety of Navigation in the Straits, due to similarity on both issues.

## **6. SAFETY OF NAVIGATION IN THE STRAITS OF MALACCA AND SINGAPORE**

### **6.1 The Forum noted the following presentation:**

- 6.1.1 Straits Project 5 - Replacement and Maintenance of Aids to Navigation in the SOMS (By Indonesia)
- 6.1.2 Straits Project 6- Replacement of Aids to Navigation Damaged by the Tsunami Incident of 2004 (By Indonesia)
- 6.1.3 Straits Project 1 - Removal of Wrecks in the Traffic Separation Scheme in the SOMS (By Malaysia)
- 6.1.4 Straits Project 7 - Feasibility Study on Emergency Towing Vessel (ETV) Service in SOMS (By Singapore)
- 6.1.5 Straits Project 8 - Concept Study on Real-time Monitoring of Under-Keel Clearance in the SOMS (By Singapore)
- 6.1.6 Presentation of AMSA's Under-Keel Clearance Management System (in operation for transits of the Torres Strait) (By AMSA)
- 6.1.7 Safe Passage Pamphlet (By BIMCO)

### **6.2 The forum noted there are needs for the continuous and stable contribution to the Project 5 - Replacement and Maintenance of Aids to Navigation in the SOMS, to ensure the safety of navigation and environmental protection in the Straits. Furthermore, Indonesia and China were encouraged to establish a concrete timeline to complete the Project 6 - Replacement of Aids to Navigation Damaged by the Tsunami Incident of 2004.**

### **6.3 The Forum noted that the Littoral States need to further discuss legal and liability aspect of the different types of ETV services provided in other region.**

### **6.4 The forum noted the safe passage pamphlet presented by BIMCO which aims to raise awareness amongst seafarers on safety of navigation and environmental protection in the Straits. It further recalled the endorsement of the proposal by 37th TTEG. The Forum also agreed to the text and requested BIMCO and littoral States to finalize layout and design with a view to launching it at MSC 93.**

#### **Panel Discussion on MEH and E-Navigation and Safety of Navigation in the Straits**

### **6.5 The Forum noted that MEH at Data Center Batam is in operation with the support by MEH Back-up Data Center in Singapore and Malaysia. Further deliberation by TTEG is required to ensure effective and reliable operation of the Data Center Batam. However, in order to sustain the operation of MEH Data Center, the Littoral States encouraged the support from the User States and the related Stakeholders, to ensure the safety of navigation and marine environmental protection in the SOMS.**

#### **Ship Traffic Management System in the Straits as an E-Navigation Contribution (By Norway)**

### **6.6 The Forum noted that the above project would enhance navigational safety through improvement in ships-shore communication and information sharing. The Forum further noted the implementation of High Level Advisory Board comprising the Littoral States, Norway, and other related stakeholders to oversee the development of the project.**

## **7. MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN THE STRAITS OF MALACCA AND SINGAPORE**

7.1 The Forum noted the following presentations:

- 7.1.1 Straits Project 2- Co-operation and Capacity Building on Hazardous and Noxious Substance (HNS) Preparedness and Response in SOMS (By Malaysia)
- 7.1.2 Review and Enhancement of Measures Implemented in SOMS – Port Reception Facilities Directory (By INTERTANKO)
- 7.1.3 MARPOL Convention annex IV – VI (By Indonesia)
- 7.1.4 Enhancements to the Maritime Singapore Green Initiative (By Singapore)

7.2 The Forum noted the need to develop a common SOP for HNS spill response on the Project 2 “Co-operation and Capacity Building on Hazardous and Noxious Substance (HNS) Preparedness and Response in SOMS” taking into consideration the individual SOP of the littoral States for HNS incidents response.

7.3 The Forum noted that the booklet and information directory would assist the shipping industry updated and informed on what are the type of reception facilities available in the SOMS. The Forum further noted the need to maintain the data and keep the data updated.

7.4 The Forum noted Indonesia measures to enhance marine environment protection by ratifying MARPOL ANNEX IV-VI and the needs to continue its effort to comply with the Convention.

7.5 The Forum noted the enhancements to the Maritime Singapore Green Initiative as presented by Singapore. These enhancements are intended to encourage shipping industry to be more environmentally friendly in the business operation.

### **Panel Discussion on Marine Environmental Protection in The Straits of Malacca and Singapore**

7.6 The Forum noted that the Littoral States have already ratified IMO Conventions to enhance the environmental protection in the Straits, in particular to increase the quality of living environment. The Forum further noted the needs to further consider an urgent and comprehensive study of living environment quality and its implication in the Straits, and propose appropriate action accordingly.

7.7 The Forum noted the measures such as joint SOP in combating oil spill in the Straits, under the Revolving Fund Committee taken by the Littoral States on preparedness, readiness and response to combat oil spills.

7.8 The Forum noted the offer by INTERTANKO to present an update on environmental protection initiative within shipping industry at the next Co-operation Forum. BIMCO supports this initiative.

## **8. ADOPTION OF THE MEETING REPORT**

8.1 The meeting considered and adopted the report of the Meeting.

## **9. CLOSING OF THE 6TH CO-OPERATION FORUM**

- 9.1 The Chairman thanked all delegations for their active participation and making the 6th Co-operation Forum a fruitful discussion.
- 9.2 The 7th Co-operation Forum will be held in Malaysia in 2014, with the details on the date and venue to be communicated at a later date.

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### **List of Annexes**

Annex I - List of Participants to the 6th Co-operation Forum

Annex II – Speeches delivered by Minister Mangindaan and the Heads of Delegation of the Littoral States at the Opening Ceremony of the 6th Co-operation Forum

Annex III - 6th Co-operation Forum Agenda