

OPENING REMARKS
BY
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AT
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Distinguished Delegates from User States and related international organizations

Ladies and gentlemen

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarokatuh

Very good morning,

First of all, on behalf of the Ministry of Transportation of Indonesia allows me to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Singapore Government for inviting Indonesia delegation to attend this important meeting of the eleventh of Co-operative Forum here at Singapore. It is with the merciful bless of God we could gather here today at this important Forum, delegates of littoral States (Singapore, Malaysia, and Indonesia) as well as delegates of International Maritime Organization (IMO), Contributor States and related *stakeholders*.

**Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Just now we all together have watched the video of the first ten-year journey of the Co-operative Mechanism. I thank the Committee for your hard work to present the video. I am certain that from the video screening, we clearly could see that Cooperative Mechanism has proven to represent a commitment to continuous dialogue and cooperation among the littoral States, the shipping industry and all stakeholders on related issues in order to maintain and enhance the safety of navigation and protection of the marine environment in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore.

Since the establishment of the Co-operative Mechanism in 2007, many projects have been accomplished. Some projects are yet to be concluded and new ones will surely follows. We have many reasons to be proud of the achievements made over the past ten years.

The implementation of the Straits Projects also shows that the littoral States could cooperate with the user States and stakeholders in order to enhance the safety of navigation and marine environmental protection in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore, based on the Article 43 of UNCLOS.

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Regarding maritime trends nowadays, as our commitment to the issue of the Safety of Navigation and Marine Environmental Protection in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore, Indonesia committed to work together with the other littoral States to make the said Straits safer and cleaner by introducing several initiatives, namely maintenance and replacement of aids to navigation and also by giving the intention on the needs to have a study on

a blueprint of safety of navigation and marine environmental protection in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore.

The implementation of the Marine Electronic Highway by the littoral as an embryo of E-Navigation, continuous improvement on the facilities within the respective areas of littoral States, as well as the numerous initiatives on marine environmental protection, shows that the littoral States, with the support of the stakeholders, are working to ensure the safe passage of the ships while also gives an intention on the protection of the marine life.

Further, issues on pollution response and preparedness, practical approach, greenhouse gases, and sustainable shipping are also of our concerns.

**Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen**

The role of IMO and contributions from user States and related parties through this co-operation framework is of truly appreciated. I do hope that sharing expertise and experience during our deliberation would enlighten and enrich us in our endeavour to keep one of the world's busiest shipping lanes remain safe and open for international shipping.

In this occasion, I would like to call upon all user States and stakeholders to keep their support towards the Co-operative Mechanism and its various projects constantly. Your concrete support will serve to endorse the bold direction that the littoral States have taken, and reaffirm the need for international co-operation in ensuring the safety, security and environmental protection in the Straits.

**Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen**

I wish that all issues including the latest in the Straits of mutual concern could be best solved by strengthening our coordination and cooperation not only in this Forum but also in the implementation of the initiated projects.

I also wish we have a fruitful discussion and achieve greater success at this forum.

May God blessed our effort.

Thank you.

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