

**2ND PROJECT COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING
UNDER THE CO-OPERATIVE MECHANISM ON THE STRAITS OF MALACCA AND
SINGAPORE
HELD AT THE GRAND COPTHORNE WATERFRONT HOTEL, SINGAPORE
16 OCTOBER 2009**

REPORT OF THE MEETING

SESSION 1: OPENING REMARKS

- 0.1. The second Meeting of the Project Coordination Committee Meeting (PCC) under the Co-operative Mechanism on the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (the Straits) between the three littoral States, contributing user States and stakeholder organisations was held on 16 October 2009 at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore. The Meeting was attended by representatives from the three littoral States (Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore), contributing user States and stakeholders from the international maritime community. The list of participants is attached as **Annex 1**.
- 0.2. The Meeting was chaired by Singapore as the Chairman of the PCC for 2009. The Chairman, Mr Yee Cheok Hong, Group Director (Policy & Planning), Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore, welcomed the delegates to the Meeting and expressed his hope for good progress to be made in the Projects. The Chairman also welcomed India and the European Commission to the meeting. The Chairman highlighted the important role of the PCC in coordinating the implementation of the various projects, including setting the priorities related to their implementation. He also highlighted the good progress made in a number of projects and the need to make similar progress in the others. He said that he was heartened by the sideline discussions which had taken place amongst the various project teams during the 34th Tripartite Technical Experts' Group and 2nd Co-operation which clearly demonstrated the desire and commitment of everyone to advance progress in the projects.
- 0.3. Mr Muhammad Razif Ahmad, head of the delegation for Malaysia, welcomed India and the European Commission which were attending the Meeting for the first time and noted that the progress made in the various projects. Capt Eddy T.E. Lengkei, head of the delegation of Indonesia, also welcomed the contributor States participating in the Meeting and reiterated the importance of the PCC in furthering the progress of the various projects.
- 0.4. India, the Republic of Korea and the European Commission expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to participate in the PCC Meeting. The Republic of Korea re-affirmed its contribution to Straits Project 3 (Demonstration Trial of AIS-B Transponders for Small Vessels). India expressed the hope that the

meeting would make further progress on the various Straits Projects, in particular Projects 1 and 4. The Republic of Korea also indicated its intention to sign an MOU with the littoral States to formalise its contribution of 100 million Korean won during the 4th Aids to Navigation Fund Committee Meeting in Johor Bahru, Malaysia on 19-20 October 2009. The European Commission re-affirmed its pledge to contribute 400,000 to 500,000 euros to the Co-operative Mechanism.

AGENDA ITEM 1 - ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- 1.1. The Meeting adopted the Agenda of the Meeting. The Agenda is attached as **Annex 2**.

AGENDA ITEM 2 - UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE STRAITS PROJECTS

- 2.1 Malaysia updated the Meeting on developments in Straits Projects 1 (Wreck Removal) and 2 (HNS Preparedness and Response). Malaysia informed it had previously updated the 34th Tripartite Technical Experts Group Meeting and the 2nd Co-operation Forum. Malaysia thanked India for its contribution in providing training on bathymetry with special emphasis on wreck investigation to the three littoral States. The Meeting noted that for Project 1, Malaysia had sub-divided the Project into smaller components to make it easier for user States and stakeholders to contribute. Malaysia had also initiated a “pilot wreck monitoring survey” as a supplement to Project 1. For Project 2, Malaysia updated the Meeting that progress had been made since the last PCC Meeting, particularly in terms of capacity-building. The US had sponsored HNS training for the three littoral States in San Francisco and Detroit in October 2008. AMSA had also carried out a risk assessment of the Straits of Malacca and Singapore and proposed the solution of a HNS databank and a risk management tool, but had later informed Malaysia that it was not able to continue its sponsorship. Malaysia’s updates on Projects 1 and 2 are contained in documents PCC 2/1/1 and PCC 2/1/2.
- 2.2 Singapore updated on Straits Projects 3 (Demonstration Trial of AIS-B Transponders for Small Vessels) and 4 (Wind/Tide/Current Measurement System). The Meeting noted that Project 3 was near completion, pending data for the Malaysian portion of the trial. For Project 4, China had completed the desktop assessment study, which was adopted by the littoral States in April 2009. China and India subsequently conducted a joint site assessment survey with the littoral States in July 2009. In addition, India had committed to providing funding for the project in 3 stages. India’s contribution of US\$774,000 for Stage 1 was disbursed in March 2009. Singapore’s updates on Projects 3 and 4 are contained in documents PCC 2/2/1 and PCC 2/2/2.
- 2.3 Indonesia updated on Projects 5 (Replacement and Maintenance of Aids to Navigation) and 6 (Replacement of Aids to Navigation Damaged by the Tsunami off the Sumatran Coast). For Project 5, Indonesia updated on the 2nd and 3rd quarter maintenance report of the aids to navigation in the Straits. For Project 6, Indonesia stated that China had agreed to fully sponsor the replacement of aids to navigation damaged by the tsunami off the Sumatran coast. Indonesia also noted the need to expedite the implementation of Project 6. Malaysia clarified

that the maintenance of nine of the 18 identified Malaysian Aids to Navigation in the Straits was self-funded by Malaysia while that for the remaining nine was funded from the Aids to Navigation Fund. Malaysia also informed that the replacement of Sepat RLB had not yet begun. Indonesia's updates on Projects 5 and 6 are contained in documents PCC 2/3/1 and PCC 2/3/2.

2.4 New Project Concepts/Proposals

2.4.1 Singapore updated on the new project concept proposal under the Co-operative Mechanism to establish an emergency towage vessel capability in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore. This concept proposal had been earlier endorsed by the 34th TTEG Meeting (12 – 13 October) and presented at the 2nd Co-operation Forum (14 – 15 October). Singapore's presentation on the concept proposal is contained in document PCC 2/4/1.

2.4.2 The Meeting agreed to Malaysia's suggestion to title the concept proposal as "Study on the Establishment of an Emergency Towing Vessels (ETV) Capability in the Straits". Framing it as a study would encourage more views and feedback from the industry and other stakeholders.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – CONVENING OF TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS

3.1 Technical Working Groups 1 and 2 convened concurrently. Technical Working Group 1, led by Malaysia, discussed Projects 1 and 2 and Technical Working Group 2, led by Singapore, discussed Projects 3 and 4.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS

4.1 Technical Working Group 1 reported on its discussions on Straits Projects 1 (Wreck Removal) and 2 (HNS Preparedness and Response).

4.1.1 On Project 1, the PCC agreed:

- i) The wreck survey results from Project 1 would be provided to the relevant Marine Electronic Highway working group; and
- ii) The three littoral States would provide a response to India by 23 October 2009 on their participation in the training course on bathymetry with special emphasis on wreck investigation provided by India.

4.1.2 On Project 2, the PCC noted:

- i) With appreciation the contributions of Australia to the Project;
- ii) Japan's interest in exploring possibilities where it may contribute to Project 2;

- iii) The US had provided the littoral States with a copy of a regional Standard Operating Procedures on HNS preparedness and response; and
- iv) That China would be conducting its “Train-the-trainers” project in 2010.

The Report of Technical Working Group 1 is attached as **Annex 3**.

4.2 Technical Working Group 2 reported on its discussions on Straits Projects 3 (Demonstration Trial of AIS-B Transponders for Small Vessels) and 4(Wind/Tide/Current Measurement System).

4.2.1 On Project 3, the PCC was updated on developments under the Project. Of note:

- i) Project 3 was making good progress and AIS Class B transponders were able to work well in a dense and crowded traffic environment such as the Singapore Strait; and
- ii) Malaysia had installed 7 out of 10 AIS Class B transponders and the remaining 3 were scheduled to be installed by the end of 2009.

4.2.2 The PCC endorsed the follow-ups for Project 3 as listed in the Report of Technical Working Group 2. Of note:

- i) Malaysia would work with Singapore to compile a report in the findings of trials for AIS Class B transponders on small ships; and
- ii) Although the Republic of Korea was unable to contribute to 20 AIS Class B transponders to the Project as previously indicated, it would contribute towards other components of the Co-operative Mechanism.

4.2.3 On Project 4, the PCC:

- i) Adopted the report of the site assessment survey completed by China and India in July 2009;
- ii) Agreed to implement the subsequent project phases/activities and their estimated timeline as listed in the Report of Technical Working Group 2;
- iii) Agreed that the project would leverage on existing wind, tide and current equipment where possible, depending on their compatibility with the project requirements;

- iv) Noted that India informed that the original budget did not include any new infrastructure works and hydrographic surveys. There could be a need for additional contribution to meet this expenditure. Japan, the Republic of Korea and the IMO were invited to consider financial or in-kind contributions to the project;
- v) Agreed that China and India would gather additional technical information through a questionnaire, in order to draw up the project tender's technical specifications and requirements, with the consensus of the parties involved in the project; and
- vi) Agreed that the littoral States would concurrently check on the available options to conduct the tender for the project and discuss further.

The Report of Technical Working Group 2 is attached as **Annex 4**.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 5.1 The Meeting noted there was no other business.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF REPORT OF MEETING

- 6.1 The Meeting adopted the Report.

CLOSING OF THE MEETING

- 7.1 The Chairman thanked all delegations for their positive contributions and support in making the 2nd Project Coordination Committee Meeting a success. The Meeting noted the good progress made in the six Straits Projects as well as a new study on the establishment of an ETV capability in the Straits. On behalf of the three littoral States of the Straits of Malacca and Singapore, the Chairman thanked the various contributing user States and organisations for their active participation in the six projects. The positive indication and commitment from all three littoral States, contributing user States and organisations to the Straits Projects amply demonstrated the success of the Co-operative Mechanism.
- 7.2 Indonesia will host the 3rd PCC in 2010. The venue and date will be communicated in due course.
- 7.3 The heads of delegations of Malaysia and Indonesia thanked the delegates for attending the 2nd PCC and looked forward to their participation in the next PCC Meeting.
- 7.4 The participants also expressed their appreciation to Singapore for convening the Meeting, for the arrangements and hospitality extended to them, and to Mr Yee Cheok Hong, Group Director (Policy & Planning), Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore, for chairing the Meeting.

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