

14TH PROJECT CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING
*Co-operative Mechanism on Safety of Navigation and Environmental Protection
in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore*

4 AUGUST 2023
PARADOX SINGAPORE MERCHANT COURT, SINGAPORE

REPORT OF THE MEETING

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

- 1.1. The 14th Project Co-ordination Committee (PCC) Meeting under the Co-operative Mechanism on Safety of Navigation and Environmental Protection in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore was held on 4 August 2023 at Paradox Singapore Merchant Court, Singapore.
- 1.2. The Meeting was chaired by Captain M Segar, Assistant Chief Executive (Operations), Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore and attended by representatives from the three littoral States (Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore), Japan, as well as observers from the International Maritime Organization (IMO), INTERTANKO, Malacca Strait Council (MSC) and The Nippon Foundation. The list of participants is attached at **Annex I**.
- 1.3. The Chairman expressed his appreciation and thanked the delegations from Indonesia and Malaysia, as well as all other participants for attending the Meeting. The Chairman noted that the PCC remained one of the three important components of the Co-operative Mechanism, where littoral States and stakeholders work together to implement projects that contribute towards the enhancement of navigational safety and environmental protection in the SOMS.
- 1.4. Captain Budi Mantoro, Director of Navigation, Directorate General of Sea Transportation (DGST), Ministry of Transportation, Indonesia, and Captain Abdul Samad bin Shaik Osman, Deputy Director General (Operations), Malaysia Marine Department (MMD), thanked Singapore for hosting the 14th PCC Meeting, and other participants for their attendance at the Meeting.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- 2.1. Noting the approval by the 46th Tripartite Technical Experts Group (TTEG) Meeting, the Meeting agreed to insert an agenda item on “New Projects” before the AOB agenda item, to discuss Straits Project 14 – “Development of Standard Operating Procedures for use of Virtual Aids to Navigation in SOMS”, as well as Straits Project 15 – “Ensuring Maritime Safety: Mitigating Ship Container Accidents in Critical areas in the SOMS through Effective Measures and Preparedness”.
- 2.2. The Meeting considered and adopted the revised agenda as set out in **Annex II**.

3. PROGRESS UPDATE ON STRAITS PROJECTS UNDER THE CO-OPERATIVE MECHANISM

3.1 Straits Project 5: Replacement and Maintenance of Aids to Navigation in the SOMS, DGST, Indonesia

3.1.1 The Meeting noted the updates by Indonesia on Straits Project 5 - replacement and maintenance of Aids to Navigation in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore, as per document PCC 14/3/1.

3.2 Straits Project 11: Development of Guidelines on Places of Refuge for Ships in Need of Assistance in the SOMS, Marine Department, Malaysia

3.2.1 The Meeting noted the updates by Malaysia on Straits Project 11 – Development of Guidelines on the Places of Refuge for Ships in Need of Assistance in the SOMS, as per document PCC 14/3/2.

4. NEW PROJECTS

4.1 New Project: Development of Standard Operating Procedures for use of Virtual Aids to Navigation in SOMS

4.1.1 At the request of Malaysia, Singapore presented the project proposal that was tabled at the 46th TTEG, as per document TTEG 46/7/1a.

4.1.2 Malaysia took note of Singapore's proposal for the littoral States to implement the usage of Virtual Aids for the 51 critical aids to navigation in the SOMS. Malaysia would always be committed and support any effort to enhance the safety of Navigation in the SOMS and also shared view the importance of virtual AtoN to complement the physical AtoN. Malaysia supported the implementation of Virtual AtoN for 51 critical aids to navigation in the SOMS of which littoral States were responsible in doing as per specified under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS1982), IMO's SOLAS Convention and IALA technical guidelines.

4.2 New Project: Developing SOP to address container falling overboard in the SOMS

4.2.1 The Meeting noted the updates by Malaysia on the new Straits Project 15, as per document CF 14/3/1/1.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 The Meeting noted that no other business was raised.

6. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

6.1 The Meeting considered and adopted the report of the Meeting.

7. CLOSING REMARKS

- 7.1 On behalf of the littoral States, the Chairman thanked all delegations for their contributions and support in making the 14th PCC Meeting a success.
- 7.2 Indonesia and Malaysia thanked Singapore for hosting the 14th PCC Meeting, and expressed their continued support for the Co-operative Mechanism.
- 7.3 Indonesia will host the 15th PCC Meeting in 2024. The venue and date will be communicated in due course.

List of Annexes:

Annex I – List of Participants

Annex II – 14th Project Co-ordination Committee Agenda