

SINGAPORE JOINED EAHC

The Republic of Singapore became the member of the East Asia Hydrographic Commission (EAHC) on 7 October 1992, Captain Wilson N. F. Chua, Hydrographer of the Port of Singapore Authority representing the country at the Commission.

The participation of Singapore in our EAHC is most welcome, and our activities and mutual cooperation will certainly be further strengthened towards the development of hydrography and the safety of navigation in our region.

MESSAGE

FROM

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The East Asia Nations are both separated and united by their common seas which support an elaborate web of industries, trade resources and transportation. This region includes some of the busiest ports and two of the busiest straits, namely the Malacca Strait and Lombok Strait. It also contains the world's highest density of coastal population and the greatest degree of marine biodiversity. In the last decade these nations have enjoyed considerable economic growth through industrialization. This has resulted in an increase in the shipping and marine activities in this region and hydrography contributes significantly to these activities, particularly safe navigation.

One of the main objectives of the EAHC is to encourage mutual assistance for the development of techniques in hydrographic work and to facilitate the mutual exchange of information regarding surveys, research, new developments and technical details related to hydrography. In this respect, we can share our experiences to improve the hydrographic surveying capabilities especially in the field of information technology.

I am grateful to the existing members for supporting and approving Singapore's participation and I look forward to working closely with them to promote the objectives of the EAHC.



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