

# **3<sup>R D</sup> EAST ASIA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION COORDINATING MEETING**

**18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2009  
SANYA, CHINA**

The 3rd Coordinating Meeting of the East Asia Hydrographic Commission (EAHC) was held in Sanya, China and was attended by all 9 regional Member State representatives, namely China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, The Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea, The Republic of Korea, The Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand. The Chairman of the EAHC, Dr Parry Oei (Singapore) and Vice Chairman, Vice Admiral Nakorn Tanuwong (Thailand), presided the meeting.

2 This important annual meeting was for all Chief Hydrographers of member States to take stock of our region's achievements, examined on-going projects and mapped out new challenges and programmes to further enhance navigational safety and protect the marine environment. It was noted that whilst shipping traffic would decrease due to the economic downturn, Chairman encouraged all MS to continue to remain vigilant to ensuring navigation safety in the major shipping lanes. .

## **MAIN OUTCOMES**

- 3 The key outcomes of the meeting were:
- a) South China Sea ENC:
    - Examined the feedback on the launch of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the ENC on the 1 October 2008.
    - Commitment to continue updating the SCS ENCs.
  - b) Contribution to GEBCO Programme
    - The Meeting agreed to release the SCS ENC data to support the work of GEBCO.
  - c) Approval of the ENC Task Group recommendations which included:
    - The on-going maintenance of the ENC Catalogue by the ENC Administrator
    - Formation of a Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to provide advice on the application of guidelines formulated by the EAHC in ENC data production and QA for the purpose of data consistency in overlapping areas and between various usage bands.
  - d) EAHC Capacity Building
    - Review of the 2008 Capacity Building programme

- The 2009 training courses on Multibeam surveying and ENC Quality Assurance would be hosted by The Philippines.
- Identified new areas of training needs and prioritising of training courses for submission to the IHO CBSC for the 2010 Work Programme.

e) 10<sup>th</sup> EAHC Conference

- The Meeting agreed for the 10<sup>th</sup> EAHC Conference to be held in Singapore in October 2009. The Conference would be held back to back with the 3<sup>rd</sup> ECDIS Conference and the 1<sup>st</sup> HSSC Meeting. The details of the meeting is as shown in the table below.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> EAHC Conference	15 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct 09 (Thu – Sat)	Singapore
3 <sup>rd</sup> International ECDIS Conference – “ECDIS Beyond Navigation”	19 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct 09 (Mon – Wed)	Singapore
1 <sup>st</sup> HSSC Meeting	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct 09 (Thu – Sat)	Singapore

### **THE NEXT MEETING**

4 The 4<sup>th</sup> EAHC Coordinating Meeting would tentatively be held in Thailand in 2010. The date to be decided later as it would need to take into account that the 10<sup>th</sup> EAHC Conference would be held in October 2009.

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*Reported by Chair (EAHC, Singapore)*



Group photo



Meeting



Right:Chairperson: Dr.Parry Oei Soe Ling(Singapore)  
Left : Vice-Chairperson: Rear Admiral Nakorn Tanuwong(Thailand)