

3RD INTERNATIONAL ECDIS CONFERENCE

Singapore, 19TH to 21ST October 2009



Introduction

The 3rd International ECDIS Conference and Exhibition (IEC) was jointly organised by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) and the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO). The Guest of Honour was Singapore's Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Teo Ser Luck, Ministry Of Community Development, Youth and Sports & Ministry of Transport, Singapore. The conference was also graced by His Excellency, Mr Paul Madden, British High Commissioner to Singapore. The Conference was attended by about 300 participants from 31 countries.

ECDIS – Beyond Navigation

This objective of this conference was two fold, namely to better prepare ship owners of the impending mandatory ECDIS carriage requirements from 2012, and to promote the potential of ECDIS other than navigation. The 3 day event included 24 presentations under the following sessions :

- What's new for ECDIS ?
- Training for ECDIS.
- ECDIS : Time to get serious.
- ECDIS : Your business partner.
- ECDIS : Beyond navigation

Concurrently, an exhibition was held where 14 exhibitors showcased their latest products and services. These included ECDIS manufacturers, ENC and GIS application providers, hydrographic equipment suppliers, ENC and chart distributors and training institutions.

Some quotes from participants include:

"Thank you very much indeed! The conference was so well organised and the speakers gave so many valuable food for thoughts!"

"ECDIS does not save money, it makes money."

"Don't wait for 2012. Do it now."

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