

5th East Asia Hydrographic Commission ENC Task Group Meeting
19th – 21st July 2010
Centara Grand Mirage Beach Resort, Pattaya, Thailand

The 5th EAHC ENC Task Group Meeting was held in Pattaya, Thailand from 19th to 21st July 2010. Delegates from China, Indonesia, Japan, ROK, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand attended the meetings. DPRK and Malaysia could not join the meetings due to some technical problems.



VAdm Nakorn Tanuwong, Chair of the EAHC, welcomed all delegates to the meeting. He emphasized the importance of close cooperation amongst MSs, especially for ENC harmonization, to meet the mandatory ECDIS carriage requirements. Dr Parry Oei, Chair of the ENC Task Group, stressed the spirit of the cooperation in producing and harmonizing the Band 1 and 2 ENCs, which was in line with the IHO's objective of enhancing navigational safety. He also recognized the work of the East Asia ENC Coordinator, the Hong Kong Hydrographic Office for taking on the work without hesitation or reservation since 2004. Mr KC Ng thanked the meeting for the appointment as the East Asia ENC Coordinator.

ENC Harmonization

The East Asia ENC Coordinator recapped work agreed at the 4th EAHC ENC Task Group Meeting in Hong Kong. A case study on the joint efforts between Indonesian and Singaporean Hydrographic Offices to address the issue of overlapping ENC's was presented. For the EAHC Band 1 ENC, the East Asia ENC Coordinator will use the best source quality criteria to select data for overlapping areas. The areas of overlaps and gaps were identified and MSs agreed to work together to resolve the issues and share the data for the EAHC Band 1 ENC. MSs also agreed to extend the EAHC Band 1 ENC to cover the gaps to neighbouring Regional Hydrographic Commission.

Next Meeting

The meeting agreed to hold the next EAHC ENC Task Group Meeting back to back with the next EAHC Coordinating Meeting in Indonesia in January 2011.

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