

**1st EAHC STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
26 - 27 FEB 2014**

**2ND EAHC CHARTING AND HYDROGRAPHY COMMITTEE MEETING
24 - 25 FEB 2014**

**2ND EAHC Training and Research Development Center (TRDC) BOD Meeting
23 FEB 2014**

Royale Chulan Hotel, KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

EAHC meetings were held at the Royale Chulan Hotel from 23 to 27 February. EAHC has been created to increase regional hydrographic cooperation among International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) member states in the East Asia region. The meeting between 9 member states; China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea (ROK), Singapore and Thailand, with Brunei, Cambodia and Vietnam as observers was officiated by the Chief of Navy, Admiral Tan Sri Abdul Aziz Hj Jaafar and with the presence of IHO representative.

2ND EAHC Training and Research Development Center (TRDC) BOD Meeting



Introduction

Capt Zaharuddin Mohd Maideen from the host country, Malaysia, opened the meeting and welcomed all participants of the meeting in Malaysia. Mr Jamie Chen, the Chairman of the TRDC BOD delivered his welcoming address and welcomed all participants. He thanked MS for the nomination and appointment from the last meeting. The chair provided a brief background of the capacity building programme where 2 prong approaches were decided. One was to build up basic capacity in charting and surveying and the second

was to establish specialised modular short courses on the use of latest hydrographic related technology.

Main Issues Discussed during the meeting are as follows:

1. Report on 2013 EAHC Capacity Building Work Programs
2. Proposed 2014 CB Work Programs
3. Proposed 5-year (2014-2018) CB Work Program
4. Selection of TRDC Logo



Next Meeting

Tentatively, the next meeting may be held in Singapore in the second half of this year, ie after the IHO CBSC Meeting in May 2014.

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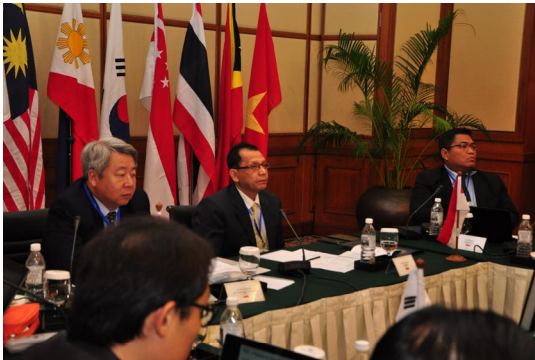


Introduction

This meeting was attended by delegations from all member states and Vietnam as an observer. Dr Parry Oei, the chairman of CHC opened the meeting and said that they were a number of issues and the CHC would require more time to deliberate on, for example the appointment of the East Asia ENC, Sale of South China Sea ENCs. He also shared that from the recent HSSC meeting in Shanghai, he had shared at the meeting the good work by the EAHC working committees and the Marine Electronic Highway Project for the Malacca and Singapore Straits. In particular, the work on the e-MIOs and tidal levels, got the Chair (TSMAD) Mr Barrie Greenslade, interested and participating in the Steering Committee Meeting.

Main Issues Discussed during the meeting are as follows:

1. Review of Draft CHC TOR
2. Status of SCS ENCs and EA ENCs
3. Development Status of the Draft Edition of S-58
4. Regional ENC Coordinating Centre (RECC) for EAHC
5. S-100 Study Group
6. Proposed Concept Study of Tide and Sea Level in SCS



Next Meeting

The Meeting supported the proposal to tentatively hold the 3rd CHC Meeting (2 days) in August 2014 in Vietnam, which is subjected to their managements approval.

1st EAHC STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING



Introduction

Malaysia is honoured to host the 1st EAHC Steering Committee meeting after the re-branding exercise decided from the previous meeting from its former designation; EAHC Coordinating Meeting. Admiral Tan Sri Abdul Aziz Jaafar, Chief of the Royal Malaysian Navy, in his officiating remarks said that it is critical to collaborate closely to address issues and provide up-to-date charts for the safety of navigation in the region. He cited that in line with this year's theme for the World Hydrography Day: "Hydrography more than charts" he reminded that hydrography is not just about charts but also for protecting the marine environment for our children.

The new EAHC Chair, Commander Jacinto M. Cablayan, gave the opening message to the delegates and observers of the meeting. He thanked Commodore Ho for the trust and confidence given to him. He also acknowledges the presence of the observers who were also present in this meeting. He also hope each countries continue to support one another by sharing their knowledge and expertise regarding current and new technologies and to strengthen solidarity towards our goal in enhancing safety of navigation and protection of the marine environment

Main Issues Discussed during the meeting are as follows:

1. TRDC BOD Report
2. CHC Report
3. Report on Important Issues from Meetings attended by Member States
4. EAHC Permanent Secretariat



Next Meeting

The 2nd EAHC Steering Committee Meeting will be hosted by Singapore in January or February 2015. The meeting also agreed that the next EAHC Conference will be hosted by the Philippines in September 2015.

Social Activities

On 24th Feb 14, in conjunction with the EAHC meetings, NHC, as the host, organised a tour for the delegation at Sky Bridge and Observation Deck at Petronas Twin Towers, the once tallest building in the world and the reigning tallest twin towers in the world, followed by dining at the Posh Malaysia Petroleum Club under the patronage of PETRONAS Malaysia. On 26th Feb, NHC also host welcoming dinner with cultural performance show by The Royal Malaysian Navy Cultural Troupe.



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