

The 12th Asia Pacific Heads of Maritime Safety Agencies Forum

Jeju 2011 Statement

The Asia Pacific Heads of Maritime Safety Agencies Forum (APHoMSA), convening its 12th meeting on 1 ~ 4 June 2011 in Jeju, Korea, held discussions on regional focus areas: measures to deter piracy acts, effective implementation of MLC 2006, lessons to be learned from shipping incidents, safety of navigation, and technical cooperation in the region. Representatives from 14 member States, region and 3 international organizations in the Asia-Pacific region took part in the 4 day meeting.

1. Participants of the meeting (hereinafter referred to as "participants") acknowledged that the Forum, which was launched in 1996, has contributed to experience sharing among APHoMSA Members, thereby accelerating the development of measures for maritime safety and protection of marine environment.
2. To assist in preventing the recurrence of maritime incidents, participants shared lessons learned through case studies and exchanged information about the management of incidents, use of technologies and improvement of rules and regulations for maritime safety and marine environment protection.
3. APHoMSA Members have deep concerns about the increasing threat of piracy and recognise the need for cooperation at the international as well as regional levels to deter piracy. Participants appreciated the role of ReCAAP ISC in taking action to combat piracy in the Asian region, and also agreed to share information about anti-piracy action of Member States of the APHoMSA Forum and decided to be actively involved in the efforts to deter piracy acts off the coast of Somalia and the Asia Pacific.
4. In relation to the significant roles of the three coastal States in taking measures to ensure navigational safety and prevent pollution in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore where over 70,000 ships are transiting a year, participants noted the need for continued cooperation and active participation by not only three coastal States, but also all APHoMSA members to achieve such objectives.

5. Participants emphasised the significance of the MLC 2006 in achieving fair and equitable conditions for seafarers and the need for early ratification of MLC 2006 by APHoMSA members.

6. Participants are aware of the importance of technical cooperation projects in the Asia-Pacific region, a region which is experiencing rapid economic growth and accounts for more than 40 percent of the world's merchant fleet. They agreed on the need for development of an APHoMSA regional technical cooperation strategy, which is linked to IMO's technical cooperation projects in the Asia-Pacific region and which would be the first step in promoting APHoMSA as a unified voice on issues important to the region. It would have practical outcomes and set the foundations for other cooperative endeavours on maritime safety, environment protection and search and rescue.

7. Considering the strategic location, resources, experiences and knowledge of APHoMSA, the meeting shared the view to set aside a session at the next APHoMSA meeting to discuss IMO matters including technical cooperation priorities, assistance received and required, activities delivered for each member States and Associate members, report on the status of ratification of Conventions and any other matters under IMO's purview.

8. Participants hope that the Forum will continue to develop to such an extent that it will lead the international community beyond the Asia-Pacific region in taking measures to improve maritime safety and to prevent maritime pollution from ships and urged the APHoMSA members to use the momentum of this meeting to vigorously pursue these objectives.

9. Participants extended special thanks to the Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs, Republic of Korea, for successfully organizing the meeting and accepted the offer of the Government of Vietnam to host the 13th APHoMSA Forum in 2012.



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