



Information Sharing Centre

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

YEAR 2013

## MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

### MISSION

To enhance regional cooperation through information sharing, capacity building and cooperative arrangements in combating piracy and armed robbery against ships.

### VISION

To be the information hub for combating piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia.

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S FORWARD MESSAGE

The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre (ISC) is into its eighth year of operations since its launch on 29 November 2006 and has made a steady development thanks to the strong support and cooperation from the various stakeholders, in particular, from our contracting parties. The situation regarding piracy and armed robbery in Asia has shown a consecutive downward trend over the recent years. We saw the Asian initiatives grown from the initial fourteen contracting parties to nineteen with the latest joining of Australia in 2013. It has increasingly been regarded as a successful model of regional cooperation both locally and internationally.

The Centre takes guidance from the three pillars which are encapsulated in its Mission Statement: To enhance regional cooperation through information sharing, capacity building and cooperative arrangements in combating piracy and armed robbery against ships, namely, Information Sharing, Capacity Building and Cooperative Arrangements. All activities managed and conducted by the Centre also took into consideration the key principle of respecting each Contracting Party's sovereignty.

As Information Sharing is the key component of the Agreement, much effort has been focused on ensuring existing links are maintained whilst building on new ones and bridging operational gaps. The Information Network System (IFN) which is the main tool to ensure prompt and secure connectivity with the national Focal Points has also been revitalised in 2012 with more emphasis on Focal Point usages and facilitating automation to optimise technology, recognising that resources are limited.

Whilst continuing to work and develop with our Focal Points, efforts were also channeled to reach out to the maritime community. Acknowledging that no one State or Agency can suppress Piracy and Armed Robbery against ships alone, the Centre has adopted the theme of "You can make the difference" to cultivate a "Shared Responsibility" environment.

On this note, it shall be highlighted that the situation regarding piracy and armed robbery in Asia has continuously improved since 2010. The improvement of the situation in our region can be largely attributed to the effectiveness of the ReCAAP information sharing network, operational-level cooperation and collaboration among the stakeholders.

Supporting Information Sharing, regular Capacity Building activities boost confidence building and enhancing ReCAAP Focal Points' capabilities. These activities include operational visits, seminars, workshops, exercises and technical assistance programmes to share best practices and experience.

Being an inclusive international organisation and a specialist agency in combating piracy and armed robbery, Cooperative Arrangements facilitate the ReCAAP ISC in establishing linkages with governmental agencies, international organisations, non-governmental agencies, research institutes, maritime industry associations and others which have similar interests. The ReCAAP model which was emulated by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in its formulation of Djibouti Code of Conduct and its recent positive developments speaks positively of the ReCAAP's effectiveness and the ability to deliver profile high.

The specific activities which had taken place in 2013 are elaborated in this Report in alignment with the three pillars of our Mission Statement for your reference<sup>1</sup>. Moving forward, we will continue to thrive with a view to continuing to be a body which is of high relevance to the international maritime community.

<sup>1</sup> A few activities which made development in early 2014 are also carried in this Report.



# 7TH GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING



The 7th Governing Council Meeting was conducted on 5-7 March 2013 at the Pan Pacific Hotel Singapore with 60 participants from Contracting Parties and 20 External Participants. Of significant was the attendance of Malaysia's National Security Council, Prime Minister's Department and the United States.

The Governing Council commended the ReCAAP ISC on achieving further milestones in operations, research and analysis, capacity building, and engagement and cooperation with other organisations.

The Meeting noted the good cooperation at the operational level with the Malaysia Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) and Indonesia law enforcement agencies. Representatives from industry organisations also reaffirmed their commitment to the ReCAAP with their continual presence. Voluntary financial contributions towards the work of the ReCAAP ISC were pledged by the various Governors/ Governor Representatives from China, India, Japan, South Korea, The Netherlands, Norway, Singapore and United Kingdom.

Details of these contributions are:

Contracting Parties	Amount
Republic of Singapore	SGD 1,651,584
Japan	SGD 555,406
Republic of Korea	KRW 150 million
Kingdom of Norway	USD 100,000
United Kingdom	GBP 50,000
People's Republic of China	USD 50,000
Republic of India	USD 50,000
Kingdom of the Netherlands	EUR 25,000



The Council also expressed appreciations to China, India, Japan, South Korea, The Philippines, and Thailand for their manpower contributions at the ReCAAP ISC based in Singapore.

One other memorable event that took place at the 7th Governing Council Meeting was the nominations of the Chairperson to be held by Governor for Thailand, Ambassador Dr Pornchai Danvivathana, and the Vice Chairperson by Governor for Bangladesh, Mr Nasir Arif Mahmud, with effect from 8 March 2013, supported by the Council unanimously.

To this end, the Council expressed appreciation to the outgoing Chairperson Rear Admiral Rodolfo D Isorena PCG and Vice-Chairperson Mr Jang Hwangho, the Philippines and Republic of Korea, respectively, for successfully steering the ReCAAP ISC in its workyear 2011-12 and 2012-13.





The Council also re-appointed Mr Yoshihisa Endo to be the next Executive Director of the ReCAAP ISC for the period of 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2016. This re-affirmed the Council's confidence and appreciations in Mr Endo's leadership in managing the day-to-day work of the Secretariat's Office.

For the first time, the Joint Social Event cum Welcome Dinner was held on board of Indian Coast Guard's ship 'SAMUDRA PAHEREDAR', attended by all delegations including external participants. It was a night filled with Indian delicacies, song and dance, and more importantly, it facilitated an invaluable ice-breaking session that helped the furtherance of friendship.

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## 1 OVERVIEW

Information sharing is an important process towards combating piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia. The aim of information sharing is to provide situation awareness and enable the ReCAAP ISC to make accurate assessments to aid authorities in deploying their resources more optimally, and to enable ship owners and masters in planning their voyages and adopting best management practices when transiting high risk areas.

The ReCAAP ISC and ReCAAP Focal Points carried out information sharing via a secure web-based information network system (known as the IFN) which connects all ReCAAP Focal Points and the ReCAAP ISC together on a 24/7 basis. The shipping industries, related authorities and ReCAAP Focal Points share information among themselves and with each other via various communication means and platforms that best catered to their needs in accordance with the circumstances they are in. The essence of the mode of information sharing are timeliness and effectiveness.

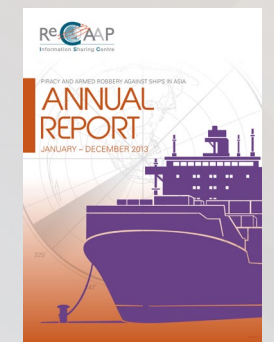
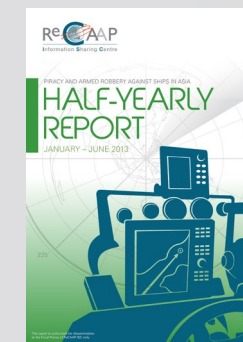
Timely and accurate reporting by ReCAAP Focal Points, the authorities and shipping industry have enabled the ReCAAP ISC to alert mariners, make accurate classification and value-added assessment which are shared with all stakeholders in the form of periodical reports, incident alerts, updates, discussions, forums and conferences.

Overall improvement of the situation of piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia in 2013 has continued in 2013, notably with a reduction in the severity of incidents. A total of 150 incidents were reported to the ReCAAP ISC after verified by the ReCAAP Focal Points. Of these, 141 were actual incidents and nine were attempted incidents. Amongst these incidents, 11 were piracy incidents and 139 were armed robberies against ships which mostly occurred at ports and anchorages. Although the number of incidents has increased, the bulk of them were petty thefts. A total of two Category 1 incidents were reported in 2013 involving illegal siphoning of Marine Gas Oil (MGO)/ crude oil from product tankers. Compared to 2012, there has been a remarkable reduction in the number of Category 1 (very significant) incidents and Category 2 (moderately significant) incidents, while Category 3 (less significant) incidents has remained fairly consistent.

## 2 PERIODICAL REPORTS

In 2013, the Research Department published 12 periodical reports. The reports provide assessments of the situation of piracy and armed robbery against ships on a monthly, quarterly, half-yearly and annual basis. The reports were published in two versions – a confidential (close) version for the Governors of the ReCAAP Contracting Parties and the ReCAAP

Focal / Contact Points; and a public (open) version available on the ReCAAP ISC's website for reading by the public, namely, the shipping industries, maritime and research communities at large. The close version of the report contains sensitive data which are not published in the open version to safeguard the integrity of the information and its source.



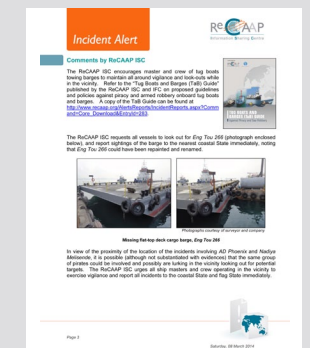
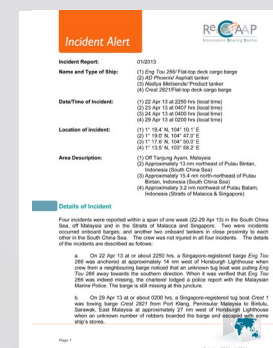
## 3 INCIDENT ALERTS

In 2013, the Research Department published a total of four Incident Alerts. Noting the timeliness of the reports made by the ReCAAP Focal Points, most of the Incident Alerts were issued within 24 hours of the occurrence of the incident.

One of the Incident Alerts reported four incidents which occurred within a span of one week (22-29 April 2013) in the South China Sea, off Malaysia and in the Straits of Malacca and

Singapore. Unlike the usual Incident Alerts which warn mariners of incident just occurred in the area, this Incident Alert reporting the four incidents served to warn mariners about the presence of pirates/robbers lurking in the location, and possibly pirate syndicates operating there.

Please see Annex A for the list of incident alerts published by the Research Department in 2013.





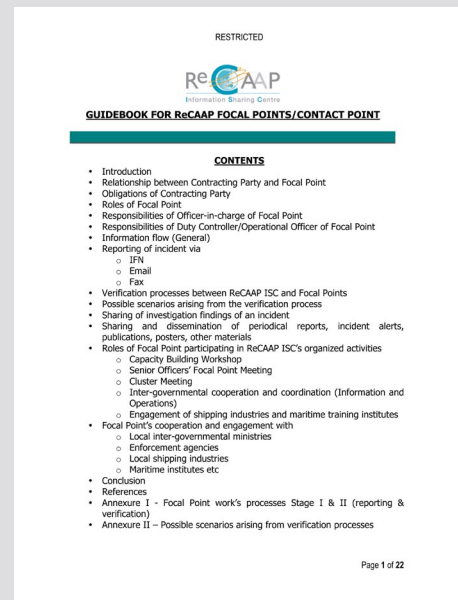
# INFORMATION SHARING

## 4 GUIDE BOOK FOR ReCAAP FOCAL POINTS

The Research Department took the lead in producing a comprehensive guidebook containing information on the roles, responsibilities and activities of ReCAAP Focal Points and Contact Point.

The book stipulates the ReCAAP Focal Points' reporting procedures, verification processes with the ReCAAP ISC and among the Focal Points; and their commitments in contributing towards capacity building activities conducted by the ReCAAP ISC.

The guidebook serves as a reference material in the areas of operations, administration, HR and capacity building for all ReCAAP Focal Points. Disseminated to all ReCAAP Focal Points on 17 December 2013, the book serves as the basis for discussion on ways to enhance the capacity and capability of ReCAAP Focal Points at future Capacity Building Workshops and Focal Point Senior Officers' Meetings.



## 6 WEEKLY UPDATES TO IMO

Since 2009, the Research Department had been sharing details of incidents reported by ReCAAP Focal Points with the IMO on a weekly basis. The IMO had been extracting the information provided by the ReCAAP ISC to include in its monthly report, accrediting the ReCAAP ISC as the source of information.

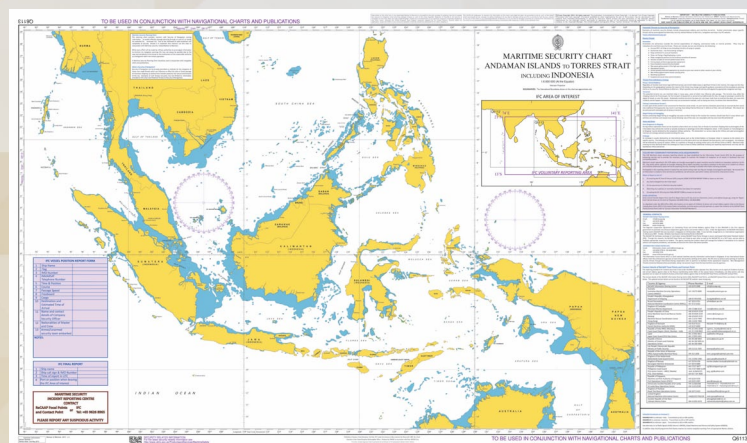
ANNEX 1 Acts of piracy and armed robbery allegedly committed against ships reported by Member States or international organizations in consultative status									
Ship Name Type of Ship Flag Gross Tonnage IMO Number	Date Time	Position of the incident*	Details of the incident	Consequences for crew, ship, cargo	Action taken by the master and the crew	Was the incident reported to the coastal authority? Which one?	Reporting State or international organization	Coastal State Action Taken	MSC.4/Circ.202 ANNEX 1
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS</b>									
1 BUDGET 17 Tug Malaysia 141	22/09/2013 07:35	MALACCA STRAIT Strait, TSS West bound lane Singapore 01° 11.48' N 103° 39.49' E	While underway, the crew on board the tug Budget 17 noticed some unidentified persons on board the barge in tow ie Budget 27, taking away its cargo consisting of scrap metal pieces. There were three small boats in the vicinity.	Loss of some iron scrap metal pieces	-	Yes Singapore Police Coast Guard and Singapore Navy	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	-	

## 7 WEEKLY UPDATES TO DCoC ISCs

Arising from the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) that was signed between ReCAAP ISC and three DCoC ISCs, the ReCAAP ISC has been sharing information with the DCoC ISCs on incidents in Asia

on a weekly basis. In exchange, the DCoC ISCs has also been sharing information about the situation in the Western Indian Ocean and Gulf of Aden with the ReCAAP ISC on a periodical basis.

## 5 LAUNCH OF MARITIME SECURITY PLANNING CHART



The Maritime Security Planning Chart, a joint collaboration between the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO), the ReCAAP ISC and Information Fusion Centre was launched on 17 May 2013. The purpose of the chart is to cover existing maritime security threats of which piracy is one of

them, and to enable quick promulgation of future threats to mariners. The chart is particularly useful for Company Security Officers (CSOs) of shipping companies in planning of the route to be taken; and provide situation awareness for masters when vessels transiting an area.

## REPORTS PUBLISHED BY THE RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

The Research Department had published the annual report for 2013, eight monthly reports, two quarterly reports, and one half-yearly report. The department had also issued four incident alerts.

The details of the incident alerts are highlighted below:

INCIDENT ALERTS			
S/N	Date of Incident	Ship(s) Involved	Location of Incident
1	22-29 April 2013	(1) <i>Eng Tou 266</i> / Flat-top deck cargo barge (2) <i>AD Phoenix / Asphalt</i> tanker (3) <i>Nadiya Melisende</i> / Product tanker (4) <i>Crest 2821</i> / Flat-top deck cargo barge	(1) Off Tanjung Ayam, Malaysia (2) Approximately 13 nm northeast of Pulau Bintan, Indonesia (South China Sea) (3) Approximately 15.4 nm north-northeast of Pulau Bintan, Indonesia (South China Sea) (4) Approximately 3.2 nm northwest of Pulau Batam, Indonesia (Straits of Malacca & Singapore)
2	15 May 2013	(1) <i>TCL 4401</i> / Tug boat (2) <i>Crest 289</i> / Barge	Northwest of Pulau Tioman, Malaysia
3	23 September 2013	<i>Armada Ali</i> / Tanker	Nipah anchorage, Indonesia
4	10 October 2013	<i>Danai 4</i> / Oil product tanker	Approximately 17.78 nm northeast of Tanjung Penawar, Malaysia

## CAPACITY BUILDING

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- 7 **LECTURE TO JAPAN COAST GUARD ACADEMY (JCGA)**
- 8 **OPERATIONS VISIT TO AUSTRALIA FOCAL POINT**



# CAPACITY BUILDING

## 1 OVERVIEW

In 2013, the ReCAAP ISC has conducted three key capacity building events which aimed to empower the ReCAAP Focal Points to function effectively within the ReCAAP framework. There were several 'firsts' achieved in these events which were aimed to achieve amongst others, the objectives of enhancing the capabilities of the Focal Points in timely information sharing, strengthening cooperation among the Focal Points, and fostering trust between the Focal Points with the shipping industry, research and maritime institutes.

For the first time, the Capacity Building Workshop saw the participation of representatives from Australia and Denmark Focal Points, local diplomatic missions, research institutes and shipping industry who gained an insight into ReCAAP's unique information sharing mechanism and positive efforts contributed by the governments of the ReCAAP Contracting Parties and regional authorities. The Cluster Meeting in 2013 was conducted for the first time, in conjunction with the National Maritime Week of the ReCAAP Contracting Party. Held in the Philippines, the Meeting aimed at enhancing inter-ministries coordination and engaging the local shipping industry. It was an opportunity for the Focal Point of Philippines, which is the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) to share on the recently established National Coast Watch System spearheaded by the PCG.

The capacity building activities conducted by the ReCAAP ISC culminated with the ReCAAP Focal Point Senior Officers' Meeting that was held in Guilin, China. For the first time, the meeting involved strong participation of all ReCAAP Focal Points. Different from previous meetings, the meeting in 2013 involved group discussion which focused on information management, work processes and sharing of ideas on the way forward of ReCAAP Focal Points. Arising from the discussion and sharing, the ReCAAP ISC compiled the first *'Guidebook for ReCAAP Focal Points'*.

The other capacity building events conducted was an operation visit by the ReCAAP ISC which focused on training of the Focal Point of Australia which is the Border Protection Command (BPC), in using the Information Network System (IFN) and synergizing the alignment of information sharing between the ReCAAP ISC and the BPC.

## 2 CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP 6/13



The ReCAAP ISC had successfully conducted the Capacity Building Workshop 6/13 in Singapore on 15-16 August 2013 with 32 participants from Focal Points, except Norway and Brunei. In particular, Australia and Denmark were the first time participants at the ReCAAP capacity building workshop.

12 observers from Malaysia Maritime Enforcement Agency, local diplomatic missions, research institutes and shipping industry also attended and had gained an insight of the ReCAAP's unique information sharing mechanism and noted the positive efforts made by the governments of the ReCAAP Contracting Parties.

The aims of the 2-day Capacity Building Workshop were to share best practices and experiences of the ReCAAP Focal Points in responding to incidents of piracy and armed robbery, and to foster closer working relationship and networking among the Focal Points.

There were good discussions during the presentations by the ReCAAP ISC, selected Focal Points and the Sarawak and Sabah Shipowners Association. In particular, the re-fresher training of the IFN system and an information exchange exercise were found to be most useful. Additionally, the educational visit to the Singapore Police Coast Guard was both informative and enriching.





# CAPACITY BUILDING

## 3 CLUSTER MEETING 4/13

Jointly organised by the ReCAAP ISC and the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), the fourth Cluster Meeting was held on 24-25 September 2013 in Manila, the Philippines, in conjunction with the National Maritime Week in the Philippines.

Key objectives were to enhance inter-ministries coordination, engagement of local shipping industry agencies with ReCAAP Focal Point, and its neighbouring ReCAAP Focal Points, to localised challenges in the effort to suppress piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia.

The 2-day Meeting included presentations on inter-agency cooperation, piracy and sea robbery situation update in Asia made by the ReCAAP ISC, and an introduction of the recent establishment of the National Coast Watch System in the Philippines spearheaded by the PCG. These were aimed to collectively address mechanisms to improve communications and to identify areas for mutual support. The ReCAAP ISC team also reached out to training institutions to reinforce the need for cooperation and collaboration as a maritime shared responsibility between law enforcement and commercial agencies.



## 4 ReCAAP FOCAL POINT SENIOR OFFICERS' MEETING 5/13



The ReCAAP ISC and China Maritime Search and Rescue Centre of the People's Republic of China, jointly organised the Fifth ReCAAP Focal Point Senior Officers' Meeting in Guilin, China on 12-14 November 2013.

The main objectives of this meeting were to share experiences of ReCAAP Focal Points and Contact Point on information management, reiterate their commitments on information sharing; and establish rapport and facilitate networking among the participants.

Through the face-to-face meeting, the 23 senior officers from the 20 ReCAAP Focal Points, and one senior officer from the MMEA, enhanced better personal working relationship and understanding that were essential in establishing the "comfort zone". The strong participation highlighted the continuous and strong collective commitment to crystallising the will in addressing challenges in combating piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia.

In addition to Situation Update provided by the ReCAAP ISC, invited speakers from China Shipowner's Association and Guangxi Maritime Safety Administration also shared their experience and knowledge in the suppression of piracy and armed robbery against ships.

The modality of this meeting was also different from the previous meetings in which participants were divided in groups to discuss information management and work processes, highlight concerns and challenges, and share ideas on the way forward by Focal Points towards the objective of further improving the situation of piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia. Also a minute of silence was observed in which ED-ISC and Mr Yi Xianliang extended heartfelt sympathy and sincere condolences to the victims as well as the bereaved families caused by super typhoon "Haiyan".





# CAPACITY BUILDING

## 5 LECTURE TO KOBE UNIVERSITY, JAPAN

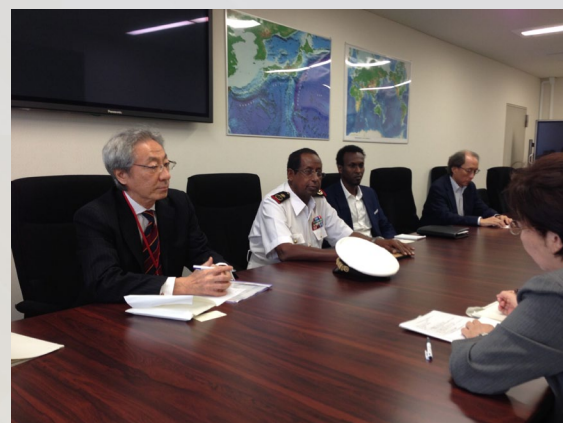
By invitation of Kobe University, the ReCAAP ISC team visited Kobe University located in Kobe City, Hyogo, Japan to deliver a lecture to 20 students and professors on 11 October 2013. Presentation was made on the ReCAAP, its

background, organisational structure, purpose, functions, activities and a situation update on piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia as well as linkages with the Djibouti Code of Conduct (DCoC) Information Sharing Centres.

## 6 JCG/OPRF MEETING AND FORUM



The meeting and forum was organised by the JCG in cooperation with Ocean Policy Research Foundation (OPRF) on 15-17 October 2013 in Tokyo, Japan. It was attended by Commandant of Coast Guard and Navy of the Federal Republic of Somalia, Envoy of the Federal Republic of Somalia to Japan as well as the representatives from the IMO, ReCAAP ISC, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) of Japan and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in order to discuss prospective measures to enhance maritime law enforcement capacity of the Federal Republic of Somalia in the field of counter piracy and for the Japan Government to seek measures of assistance. In this meeting, ED-ISC was invited to share the ReCAAP framework developed among the Asian states and contribution to the Implementation of DCoC.



## 7 LECTURE TO JAPAN COAST GUARD ACADEMY (JCGA)

The 3rd Asia Coast Guard Junior Officer Course was being conducted at the Japan Coast Guard Academy (JCGA) in Japan. It is a year-long course attended by junior officers from Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, Japan and the Philippines. The aim of the course is to provide specific knowledge regarding maritime affairs, and to establish better relationship and trust among the junior officers. ED-ISC was invited to provide a lecture on 10 October 2013 on the ReCAAP and the ReCAAP ISC scope of work and its efforts in the suppression of piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia.



## 8 OPERATIONS VISIT TO AUSTRALIA FOCAL POINT

Following Australia's depositing its instrument of accession on 4 June 2013, a visit to Border Protection Command (BPC) Headquarters located in Canberra, was conducted on 5 July 2013. The aims of the visit were to call on the Governor (designate) and other Senior Officials, and to operationalise Focal Point (designate) with a conduct of two training sessions on the Information Network System (IFN), prior to Australia's joining the ReCAAP on 3 August 2013.



In addition to the courtesy calls on the Governor (designate), Head of ReCAAP Focal Point (designate) and Deputy Chief Executive Officer, the one-day programme also included meeting with Department of Defence – International Policy Division, Australian Customs and Border Protection Service Media Section, Australian Maritime Security Operations Centre (AMSOC). Areas of discussions focused on synergising the alignment between the BPC and ReCAAP ISC in working together closely in the future.



# COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

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## 2 INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

- 1 Malaysia and Indonesia
- 2 ReCAAP ISC Piracy and Sea Robbery Conference 2013
- 3 Maritime Information Sharing Exercise 2013 (MARISX 2013)
- 4 International Maritime Security Conference (IMSC) 2013
- 5 9th HACGAM Working Level Meeting and 9th HACGAM
- 6 Airborne Special Mission Conference
- 7 14th Asia Pacific Heads of Maritime Safety Agencies (APHoMSA)
- 8 Third International Counter Piracy Conference
- 9 2nd Maritime Security Centre of Excellence (MARSEC COE) Workshop
- 10 Galle Dialogue 2013
- 11 International Maritime Security Symposium 2013

## 3 ENGAGEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

- 1 IMO Council Meeting and General Assembly
- 2 ASEAN Secretariat
- 3 Visit to EU/EC
- 4 Djibouti Code of Conduct (DCoC)
  - 4.1 The Djibouti Regional Training Centre (DRTC) course on Advanced Analysis Centre Training of ISC Operators and Regional Staff
  - 4.2 ReMISC Meeting
  - 4.3 2nd Centre-to-Centre Dialogue

## 4 ENGAGEMENT OF PRIVATE INDUSTRY

- 1 Nautical Forum 4/13
- 2 24th SNEC and Association of Asian Classification Societies Joint Seminar
- 3 22nd Meeting of the Asian Shipowners' Forum (ASF)
- 4 Anti-Piracy Forum and Dialogue with Sarawak and Sabah Shipowners Association (SSSA)
- 5 Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO) Annual General Meeting
- 6 Engagement with Shipping Company
- 7 Lecture at Japan Shipowners' Association

# COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

## 5 ENGAGEMENT OF RESEARCH INSTITUTES

- 1 EU-ASIA Dialogue Conference
- 2 Piracy Conference on "Maritime Security: Lessons learned from Europe and Asia"
- 3 Counter-Piracy and Information Sharing Meeting at the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS)

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# COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

## 1 OVERVIEW

As an inclusive international organisation, the ReCAAP ISC projects itself as a specialist agency in facilitating cooperative arrangements among Contracting Parties, governmental and non-governmental organisations, shipping industry, maritime and research institutes who share ReCAAP ISC's mission in enhancing regional cooperation through information sharing, capacity building and cooperative arrangements in combating piracy and armed robbery against ships.

The cooperative arrangements also take the form of networking opportunities and working relationship with other stakeholders through participating in anti-piracy conferences, international conferences and forums which contributing towards showcasing ReCAAP as the successful model of regional cooperation. Activities undertaken by the ReCAAP ISC in 2013 to be highlighted were the engagement of reputable, well-established and internationally-

connected research and maritime institutes with the objectives of enlarging the ReCAAP information network, promoting situation awareness amongst ReCAAP ISC and Focal Points, and further reinforce the brand name of ReCAAP at international maritime arena.

On the engagement of the Djibouti Code of Conduct (DCoC), the ReCAAP ISC has supported the Djibouti Regional Training Centre (DRTC) course on Advanced Analysis Centre Training of ISC Operators and Regional Staff in Seychelles, the Yemen's Regional Maritime Information Sharing Centre (ReMISC) meeting in Abu Dhabi, UAE, and the 2nd Centre-to-Centre Dialogue between the ReCAAP ISC and DCoC ISCs in Muscat, Oman.

## 2 INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

### MALAYSIA AND INDONESIA

A visit to Malaysia was held on 7-8 February 2013 to the Malaysia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) and Malaysia's National Security Council (NSC), and called on Ambassador Dato' Zulkifli Adnan, Director-General, Department of Maritime Affairs, MFA, Malaysia and Mr Abd. Rahim Hussin, Undersecretary of the Maritime Security Division, NSC, Prime Minister's Department, Malaysia.

The objectives of the visit were to maintain regular contacts with Malaysia's MFA and NSC, to express ReCAAP ISC's appreciation of Malaysia's strong support to our capacity building programmes and to invite Malaysia to send suitable representatives to attend the 7th ReCAAP ISC Governing Council Meeting

Another visit to Malaysia was held on 6-7 January 2014 to the Malaysia's NSC and Malaysia's MFA to call on Mr Abd. Rahim Hussin, Undersecretary of the Maritime Security Division, NSC, Prime Minister's Department, and Ms Adina Kamarudin, Director of Maritime Affairs Department, MFA.

The objectives of the visit were to maintain regular contacts with Malaysia's MFA and NSC; and to express ReCAAP ISC's appreciation of Malaysia's strong support to our Governing Council Meeting and capacity building programmes. And last but not least to solicit Malaysia's views regarding Malaysia's intention to sign and ratify the Agreement.





# COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS



A meeting was held with Mr Buddy Rakmadi, Head of Tug and Barge Section, Indonesia National Shipowners Association (INSA) on 2 July 2013 in Jakarta to explore possible collaboration opportunity. Mr Buddy was given 30 copies of the *Tug and Barge Guide Book* and the list of piracy and armed robbery incidents occurred in Indonesia from January-June 2013.

He was appreciative of our effort and had candid discussion on how ReCAAP ISC could help INSA to address the severe armed robbery incidents in Indonesia ports and anchorages. He has indicated being helpless with the recent spate of incidents happened in the ports and anchorages. Nevertheless, he would propose to the president of INSA to hold dialogues with the law enforcement agencies, in particular the port authority and would invite the ReCAAP ISC to attend these dialogues to facilitate and promote enhanced discussion if permission is granted.

A visit was led by ED-ISC to Jakarta, Indonesia on 23-24 January 2014 that called on Ms Carmelita Hartoto, Chairman of INSA.

The objectives of the visit were to establish mechanism for collaboration with INSA for information exchange and capacity building in Indonesia. Additionally, an invitation letter to attend the 8<sup>th</sup> ReCAAP ISC Governing Council Meeting scheduled in March 2014 was delivered to the Indonesia Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



## ReCAAP ISC PIRACY AND SEA ROBBERY CONFERENCE 2013

The ReCAAP ISC jointly organised the Piracy & Sea Robbery Conference 2013 together with BIMCO, INTERTANKO and S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) on 9 April 2013 in Singapore during the Singapore Maritime Week. The theme of the Conference was “Counter Piracy: Challenges, Responses and Lessons Learned”.



The Conference apprised the participants of the latest trends and assessments of piracy and sea robbery situation in Asia, including sharing of case studies for best management practices and lessons learned. It also provided the participants the opportunity to express their views on the current situation, and to propose possible solutions to address the challenges.

The conference comprised two parts: Part I covered the overview and perspective of piracy and armed robbery against ships, and Part II, a panel discussion on the topic, “Regional maritime cooperative efforts to counter piracy are successful and efficient”. The panelists consisted of speakers from the ReCAAP ISC, shipping associations, shipowners, enforcement agency, and academia. A total of 144 participants from the government agencies, industry and academia attended the conference with active interaction with the speakers and moderator.



## MARITIME INFORMATION SHARING EXERCISE 2013 (MARISX 2013)

As part of the IMDEX Asia 2013 programme, the Republic of Singapore Navy hosted the MARISX 2013 on 13-18 May 13. MARISX 2013 was a scenario-driven shore-based exercise to validate linkages among participating operation centres and to practice the information-sharing processes among regional navies. The exercise was conducted at the Multinational Operations and Exercises Centre (MOEC) located within the Changi Command and Control Centre, Changi Naval Base. To add to the realism of MARISX 2013, the exercise scenario was adapted from maritime incidents such as the hijacking of vessels and piracy at sea. A total of 72 International Liaison Officers and 38 Operations Centres from 30 countries participated. The ReCAAP ISC participated in the exercise to facilitate the piracy and sea robbery scenario injects.





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Of significant was the launch of the Admiralty Maritime Security Charts by the IFC and the ReCAAP ISC with support from the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office. The charts cover the waters around India and Southeast Asia, including the Straits of Malacca and Singapore.

These paper charts provide a single point of reference for recording the most up-to-date security information and, taken together with the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office's three existing security and piracy charts, create the world's first suite of security planning charts. They are designed to be used by ship personnel, shore-based managers and security specialists as a key voyage planning tool for recording the latest security critical navigational information, and for plotting any sightings or incidents that could pose a threat to security, including armed robbery, embargoes, exclusion zones, illegal fishing and smuggling.



## INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SECURITY CONFERENCE (IMSC) 2013

International Maritime Security Conference (IMSC) 2013 organised by the Republic of Singapore Navy with RSIS as part of IMDEX Asia 2013 programme, brought together Chiefs of Navy, Directors-General of Coast Guard, government officials and key industry players around the world to discuss threats to maritime security and safety, as well as to develop frameworks and solutions to deal with the security challenges that threaten and disrupt sea lines of communication.

The theme of the conference was 'Safe and Secure Seas - Strengthening Cooperation in Maritime Security', highlighted the point that to ensure the safety, security, and success of the international maritime system that we are all beneficiaries of, there is a need to embrace a cooperative security approach to create critical capabilities in order to face down a widening array of threats.

## 9TH HACGAM WORKING LEVEL MEETING AND 9TH HACGAM

The Working Level Meeting was co-hosted by Thai Marine Police, Thai Marine Department and Japan Coast Guard (JCG) with support from Nippon Foundation in Pattaya, Thailand on 28-29 May 2013. The elected chairman was from JCG whilst the keynote and welcome addresses were done by the Thai host.

The focus of this meeting was mainly on Search and Research, Environment Protection, Preparedness to address natural disasters, Prevention and controlling unlawful act at sea, and capacity building.

The key discussion was on formulation of the five pillars under the ambit of Cooperative Activity Roadmap that was proposed in the last meeting. The ReCAAP ISC was invited to the Meeting and participated in its discussions.



## AIRBORNE SPECIAL MISSION CONFERENCE

The Airborne Special Mission Conference was held on 2-3 July 2013 in Jakarta, Indonesia, organised by Tangent Link Ltd with support from BAKORKAMLA and Indonesia Air Force.

The conference gathered experts from international organisations, speakers and commercial companies together to embrace the latest sensor and platform technologies and operational considerations when deploying versatile and affordable airborne assets.

In view of the success of the ReCAAP ISC in this region with good cooperation with member states and like-minded parties in information sharing, capacity building programme, and other forms of cooperation to improve incident response to piracy incidents, the ReCAAP ISC was invited to make a presentation on "Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships".





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## 14TH ASIA PACIFIC HEADS OF MARITIME SAFETY AGENCIES (APHOMSA)

The 14th APHoMSA forum was held at Cairns, Australia on 1-4 July 2013. There were more than 50 representatives from 20 countries and territories, and five international organisations across the Asia Pacific region gathered to address issues on Protection of Marine environment, Safety at Sea, Search & Rescue and Regional Cooperation. The focus this year was centred mainly on improving maritime safety, response to pollution events and exchanging experiences on search and rescue efforts. This is the 4th APHoMSA series of forum that the ReCAAP ISC has participated. As most of the representations were from Maritime / Ports organisations, their scope were mostly focused around maritime safety and challenges faced from the implementation of policies / regulatory requirements.



## THIRD INTERNATIONAL COUNTER PIRACY CONFERENCE

Gaining growing reputation as an established regional and global event with the maritime community, the third public-private international counter-piracy conference was held in Dubai UAE on 11-12 September 2013 which was attended by more than 750 government and industry leaders; pledging their continued support for sustainable capacity building that would lead to meaningful, long term solutions to eradicate maritime piracy.

High-level representatives including the President of Somalia, the Secretary General of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), a number of Foreign and other Government Ministers, top executives of global maritime-sector companies, senior government and military officials from around 50 countries, the United Nations, NGOs, and leading academic experts participated in the conference. ED-ISC was invited to speak at the Break-out Session A – “The Maritime Security Dimension and Capacity Building”.



## 2ND MARITIME SECURITY CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE (MARSEC COE) WORKSHOP

An invitation was extended to the ReCAAP ISC to share the experience from the establishment of the Asian Initiative at the 2<sup>nd</sup> MARSEC COE Workshop that was held at Istanbul, Turkey on 6-9 October 2013.

The workshop involved formal presentations, discussions and breakout sessions under “Multinational approach to Maritime Security” topics covering three areas, namely Maritime risk issues, Maritime Situation Awareness (MSA) aspects and Legal related issues. A presentation was made covering the best management practice in establishing communications and collaboration network in the region.



## GALLE DIALOGUE 2013

The International Maritime Security Conference, “Galle Dialogue 2013”, organised by the Sri Lanka Navy under the aegis of the Ministry of Defence, was held in the port city of Galle on 25-26 November 2013.

Local and foreign scholars and experts in maritime and naval affairs representing 35 countries attended to share their views at this two-day dialogue held under the theme,





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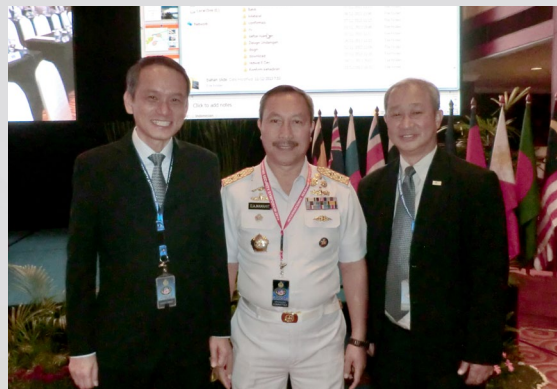
"Emerging Maritime Trends in the Indian Ocean". Secretary of Defence, Mr. Gotabhaya Rajapaksa delivered the keynote address at the inaugural session where the welcome remarks were made by Commander of the Sri Lanka Navy, Vice Admiral Jayanath Colombage.

The "Galle Dialogue" initiative, inaugurated in 2010, created a forum to discuss and exchange views on Indian Ocean region maritime security concerns. Galle Dialogue 2013 stressed the achieving of maritime security and prosperity is not the responsibility of a single country alone but of all nations and maritime stakeholders concerned.



## INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SECURITY SYMPOSIUM 2013

The International Maritime Security Symposium 2013 is an initiative proposed by the Indonesia Navy to invite members and observers of the Western Pacific Naval Symposium (WPNS) and the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium along with extra-regional countries to discuss necessary steps to take collectively to resolve the potential disputes in the region of the Indian Ocean and Pacific Ocean, particularly in the Southeast Asia where interest of both vast and great regions are interconnected.



The symposium was held on 10-11 December 2013 in Jakarta, Indonesia with about 80 participants from the regional Navies, academia and other local law enforcement agencies, including the ReCAAP ISC.

The main objective of this symposium is to strengthening fostered cooperation, mutual trust and friendship for the purpose of maintaining peace, security and realizing prosperity and welfare in the Southeast Asia region which is key to promoting regional cooperation for mutual benefit.

## 3 ENGAGEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

### IMO COUNCIL MEETING AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

To reinforce the "Asian Initiative" commitment to combat piracy and armed robbery against ships, ED-ISC participated in IMO 110th Council Meeting in July 2013 and 28th General Assembly in November 2013 to reiterate the work done by the Centre and the improved

situation in the Asia region as a whole that was well received by the participants. Additionally, ED-ISC also highlighted the recent development of the ReCAAP ISC and its contribution to the development of DCoC.

### ASEAN SECRETARIAT

A visit led by ED-ISC was made to Mr Nyan Lynn, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN Secretariat on 24 January 2014. The main objective of the visit was to explore the means of cooperation with ASEAN Secretariat including the ReCAAP's engagement with ASEAN related forums.



Similarly, an invitation letter to attend the 8th ReCAAP ISC Governing Council Meeting scheduled in March 2014 was delivered to the ASEAN Secretariat.



### VISIT TO EU/EC

As a follow-up of the 7th Governing Council Meeting held in March 2013, the ReCAAP ISC Team headed by ED-ISC on 24-25 June 2013, paid a courtesy call on Vice President, Mr Siim KALLAS, Commissioner for Transport at the European Commission office at Brussels, Belgium.





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Among these were the directorate of Mobility and Transport (MOVE), Policy and Security and Land & Maritime Security. Other related divisions such as the Maritime Affairs (MARE) and the European

External Action Services (EEAS) were also separately engaged. To be more encompassing, the European Community Shipowners' Association (ECSA) was also included in the visit to explain the ReCAAP ISC structure and how their ships may utilise the ReCAAP network when they operate in Asian waters. ED-ISC also explored areas for collaboration of mutual interest.



## DJIBOUTI CODE OF CONDUCT (DCoC)

### The Djibouti Regional Training Centre (DRTC) course on Advanced Analysis Centre Training of ISC Operators and Regional Staff

The DRTC Advanced Analysis Course organised by IMO and EU MARSIC was held at the Maritime Training Centre in Seychelles on 22-26 April 2013.

The ReCAAP ISC was again invited to support the conduct of the Advanced Analysis course to share its experience on data verification, information management, classification, to develop possible solutions and anti-piracy measures to aid seafarers in addressing the challenges at sea.

Attended by the three DCoC regional Information Sharing Centres, the course had also incorporated visit to the Regional Anti-Piracy Prosecutions and Intelligence Coordination Centre (RAPPICC), the Indian Ocean Commission – Anti-Piracy Unit, the Seychelles Intelligence Centre and the Seychelles Coast Guard.



### ReMISC Meeting

The Government of Yemen and UAE under the context of the Djibouti Code of Conduct held a 2-day working group meeting on the Regional Maritime Information Sharing Centre (ReMISC) on 5-6 November 2013 at Abu Dhabi, UAE.

It was jointly organised by the Sana'a ISC and the EC MARSEC Project Team and was attended by representatives from the DCoC Northern Group of the DCoC and representatives from the IMO and ReCAAP ISC.

The ReCAAP ISC participated in this workshop to share the Centre's experience in the organisation structure and mechanism of the Governing Council and its related activities to sustain the function of the setup.



### 2nd Centre-to-Centre Dialogue

The 2nd Centre-to-Centre Dialogue between the ReCAAP ISC and DCoC ISCs was successfully conducted on 5 January 2014 in Muscat, Oman.

The main aim of this dialogue was to ascertain the current status of the DCoC ISCs, review the workflow linkages between the three DCoC ISCs and the ReCAAP ISC; the challenges faced by each of them, areas for improvements and the way ahead.

The meeting was chaired by His Excellency Dr Pornchai Danvivathana, Chairperson of the ReCAAP ISC Governing Council and Thai Ambassador to Oman. Participants included ReCAAP ISC staff, IMO representative and Head of three DCoC ISCs.

His Excellency Said Hamdoon Al Harthy, Undersecretary for Ports and Maritime Affairs and CAPT/Dr Khamis Al. Jabris, Director of Operations, Royal Navy of Oman attended the opening as the Oman government representatives.





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## 4 ENGAGEMENT OF PRIVATE INDUSTRY

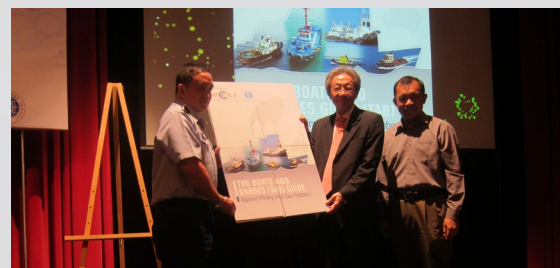
### NAUTICAL FORUM 4/13

The ReCAAP ISC organised the annual Nautical Forum (NF) supported by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) and Singapore Shipping Association (SSA) on 10 January 2013 in Singapore. Being the 4th series of NF organized by the ReCAAP ISC, the main objective of the forum was to bring together the ReCAAP ISC, MPA and members of the shipping industry to share the findings of the piracy and sea robbery situation in 2012 in Asia.

It was a platform for the various stakeholders to share and exchanges views, and solicit feedback and recommendations from the maritime community and the ReCAAP ISC's stakeholders on the 2012 situation of piracy and sea robbery.

The ReCAAP ISC together with the Information Fusion Centre (IFC) jointly launched the *Tug boats and Barges* (TaB) Guide which provides guidelines focusing on BMPs and specific checklists for tug boat owners, masters and crew. A joint production by the two centres, the guide book is a consolidation of inputs and materials solicited from tug boat owners and their CSOs.

The speakers at the NF were representatives from the ReCAAP ISC, MPA, Asian Shipowners' Forum (ASF), SSA and the Malaysia Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA). Representing the MMEA was Captain (Maritime) Haji Rozali bin Mohd Said, Head of Maritime District, Tg Sedili (East Johor) who delivered the situation in Johor and shared case studies which demonstrated the excellent anti-piracy efforts carried out by the MMEA. A total of 120 participants attended the forum which was concluded with an interesting and enlightening panel discussion.



### 24TH SNEC AND ASSOCIATION OF ASIAN CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES JOINT SEMINAR

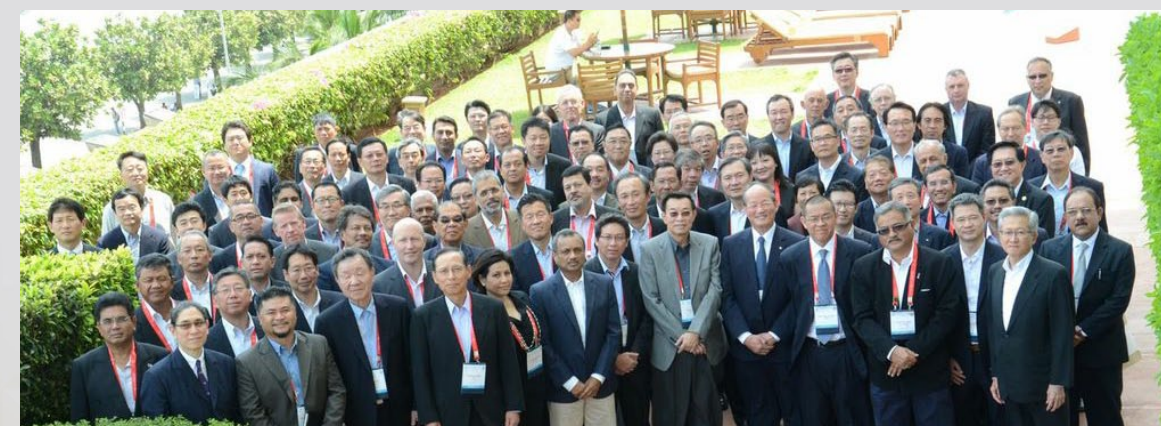
The Safe Navigation & Environment Committee (SNEC) invited the ReCAAP ISC to this meeting which was jointly organised by the Asian Classification Societies which comprises classification societies from six countries, namely China, India, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea and Vietnam; the Korean Shipowners' Association co-hosted the 24th SNEC Meeting in Seoul, Korea on 21-22 March 2013. There were five presenters covering various topics that included IMO Regulatory Developments, Port State Control in the Asia-Pacific, LNG Fuelled Ships, Update of IMO Goal-Based Standards and IACS Common Structural Rules and Piracy.

Though it was a relatively short programme, the off-line interactions, in particular with Mr Yuichi Sonoda, Sec-Gen ASF, Mr Patrick Phoon, President SSA and Mr Daniel Tan, Sec-Gen FASA certainly provided the opportunity to build on existing ties with these agencies to foster better rapport and build capacity with the maritime community through their influence.

### 22ND MEETING OF THE ASIAN SHIPOWNERS' FORUM (ASF)

The 22nd ASF meeting was held in Mumbai, India on 20-22 May 2013 which was hosted by the Indian National Shipowners' Association (INSA). It was participated by representatives from the 100+ Shipowners of the eight member associations present in strength.

ED-ISC made a presentation on the piracy and armed robbery situation in the region and the work done by the Centre which was highly appreciated by many participants. Also the Round Table members highlighted the successful conduct by the ReCAAP on the recent continuous improvement of the piracy situation in Asia.





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## ANTI-PIRACY FORUM AND DIALOGUE WITH SARAWAK AND SABAH SHIPOWNERS ASSOCIATION (SSSA)

Organised by the SSSA, the Anti-Piracy Forum was held in Sibu on 21 May 2013, and Miri on 22 May 2013. About 100 ship owners (mostly tug boat owners), and representatives from governmental agencies, namely the MMEA, Malaysia's Marine Department and port authorities participated in the forum.

The ReCAAP ISC presented the background of ReCAAP, update on the situation of piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia during January-March 2013, and sharing of the newly-launched Tug Boats and Barges Guide. Of significance was the presence of the Head of MMEA, Sarawak Maritime Region, FADM Ismaili and Commander of Maritime District 13 (Miri), Captain ABIM together with several officers at the forum.

The forum witnessed the close and good working relationship between FADM Ismaili and the SSSA members. FADM Ismaili was encouraged with the work done by the ReCAAP ISC, and expressed interest to work closely with the Centre.



## BALTIC AND INTERNATIONAL MARITIME COUNCIL (BIMCO) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of BIMCO was held on 27-28 May 2013 in Paris, in which ED-ISC was invited to attend. The contrasting prospects for the economies of the USA, Africa, Asia and Europe were presented by four distinguished economists in a wide ranging debate on economic growth in

these regions with insights on the prospects for the shipping industry as its fortunes were affected by these developments.

It was an excellent opportunity for ED-ISC to meet the top leadership of the shipping industry including the BIMCO's newly elected president, Mr John Denholm, as well as the successor of the incumbent Secretary General, Mr Torben Skaanild; also to promote profile of the ReCAAP among the global shipping community.



## ENGAGEMENT WITH SHIPPING COMPANY

A meeting was held on 30 May 2013 at the ReCAAP ISC with Hiap Shing Shipping Pte Ltd with their Insurance Broker, HL Suntek Insurance Brokers and CC Chay Surveyor Company. The key purpose of this meeting was to find out more details of the alleged missing barge Eng Tou 266.

The ReCAAP ISC team provided an introduction on roles of ReCAAP ISC, tug boats incident statistics and case study. However, the owner did not provide any additional information other than those already reported to the Singapore Focal Point previously.

Having better understand the work done by the ReCAAP ISC, the owner representative was very appreciative of our effort and hoped that we could work with the Focal Points to recover their missing barge soon. It was also during the discussion that we realised the Surveyor played an important role in directing and recommending the Insurance Agent and owner in providing critical information to the ReCAAP ISC when an incident occurs.

The Surveyor who has been involved in many previous incidents has a wide network of contacts with shipping industry and government agencies for the recovery of missing vessels.

A visit to the shipping company Kim Hock together with Singapore Police Coast Guard and IFC personnel was held on 26 November 2013. The key purpose of visit was to find out more about the armed robbery incident that involved the tugboat "Kim Hock Tug 2" which happened on 6 November 2013 off Horsburgh Lighthouse in the Singapore Straits.

The company staff was very cooperative, and keen to share relevant information. After briefing by the company, the team was shown to the waterfront where the tug boat was at anchored. As the master of the tug was on site, he was interviewed about the incident. It was suspected that the incident could be an insider-job; the Company was advised to avoid using homogenous crew and taking necessary precaution.

## LECTURE AT JAPAN SHIPOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

The ReCAAP ISC team visited the Japanese Shipowners' Association on 18 October 2013 where a presentation was made about the work done by Centre. The presentation emphasised on the need for regional cooperation for preventing and suppressing piracy and armed robbery against ships. At the Q&A Session, many questions were fielded on piracy and its related activities.



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## 5 ENGAGEMENT OF RESEARCH INSTITUTES

### EU-ASIA DIALOGUE CONFERENCE



On 12 April 2013, a Policy Conference on “Regional Cooperation on Maritime Security” took place in Seoul, Republic of Korea. The conference was co-organised by the Sea Lanes of Communication Study Group – Korea.

The event, which brought together experts, academics and policy-makers from Europe and Asia, focussed on regional Cooperation in the South China Sea, Arabic Sea, and between Europe and Asia. The aim of the conference was to discuss new arising challenges in Asia and the national maritime policies of key countries. More broadly, participants were asked to identify opportunities for closer cooperation between the European Union and Asia to ensure maritime security and avoid conflicts over the new sea lane through the Arctic region. Altogether, 33 experts from navies, the political sector and think tanks from Asia and Europe participated in the event.

ED-ISC made a presentation with the topic of “Information-Sharing and the Need for Confidence Building” in the 4th session titled: Possibilities for Regional Cooperation between Europe and Asia which was well-received by the participants. Other representatives of Asia countries attended including China, Korea and Malaysia.



### PIRACY CONFERENCE ON “MARITIME SECURITY: LESSONS LEARNED FROM EUROPE AND ASIA”

Co-convened by the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) in Singapore, the Policy Conference was held in London, UK on 19 September 2013.

It was part of the three-year project “EU-Asia Dialogue - Shaping a Common Future for Europe and Asia” of the European Union and the KAS.

Similar to the previous conduct of Policy Conference on “Regional Cooperation on Maritime Security” held in Seoul, Korea, in April 2013; the ReCAAP ISC was invited to speak on the topic of “Information Sharing between Europe and Asia” as part of the panel: Obstacles in Euro-Asia collaboration.

It provided a good opportunity to promote profiling of the ReCAAP to the maritime community in Europe consisting of the



governmental officials, the researchers, the members of private industry. Key participants included EEAS, European Commission, International Maritime Organization, NATO, EUNAVFOR, Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency, Germany, EU-MARSIC, BIMCO and Norwegian Coast Guards. In addition, researchers from France, Germany, India, Japan, People’s Republic of China, Republic of Korea, Singapore and United Kingdom attended the event.

### COUNTER-PIRACY AND INFORMATION SHARING MEETING AT THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES (IISS)

On the invitation by the IISS, the ReCAAP ISC was invited to co-organise a meeting with the IISS on 2 December 2013 in London, to share the ReCAAP model with its members and representatives from local embassies. The meeting was chaired by Mr Christian Le Miere, Senior Fellow, Naval Forces and Maritime Security, IISS and ED-ISC with presentation and discussion.

ED-ISC delivered a presentation on the background of the ReCAAP, the ReCAAP mechanism and initiative, its recent developments and contributions towards the DCoC; and AD (R) continued with a presentation on the situation of piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia and case studies to further elaborate on the ReCAAP mechanism and its information sharing network with Focal Points, regional authorities and the shipping industry.



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About 30 representatives attended the meeting whom were from the UK military, local embassies in UK, shipping industries, think tanks and researchers. The meeting was very fruitful and enlightening that enabled the ReCAAP ISC to share its model and reaches out to the wider audience of UK-based embassies, shipping industries, think tanks and research institutes. This is to further promote the ReCAAP profile, enlarge the ReCAAP ISC and ReCAAP Focal Points' information sharing network in addressing the challenges of piracy and armed robbery against ships.



## 6 PROFILING AND PUBLICITY

### OVERVIEW

The ReCAAP ISC has gained considerable recognition of its work both locally and at the international front. However, more collective efforts are requested from the ReCAAP ISC and all Contracting Parties to further promote the ReCAAP initiative so as to enhance its analysis capability and fulfil its vision as the hub in information sharing on piracy and armed robbery against ships.

The Centre's profiling efforts are targeting at selected entities that command respectable influence in the maritime community, possess the expert knowledge on piracy and sea robbery and able to contribute towards the expansion of the Centre's information network and outreach. They include close working rapport with the media and maritime trade publications, and sharing experience and knowledge through engagement of international maritime bodies, research institutes and think tanks.

### ENGAGEMENTS WITH MEDIA

Building on past close working relationship with the various local and trade media reporters, the Centre continues its presence in the media reports throughout the year. More importantly, the Centre provides its insight and presents fair perspectives of piracy and sea robbery situations in Asia, especially when the situation seems dire.

In addition to the international trade magazines such as Fairplay, Lloyd's List, Safety at Sea International, Seatrade, Tradewinds, the Centre worked with the wire news agency Thomson Reuter and Indonesia's press companies more closely in 2013.

### TRAINING VIDEO

Following the two training videos launched in 2012, the Centre continues with the third training video titled: '*Be Prepared*', in 2013. With the target audiences of seafarers in mind, they are to bring home the two respective key messages through dramatization of unfortunate events. Incorporating Learning Points before the video ends is aimed to emphasise how such unfortunate event could have been prevented.

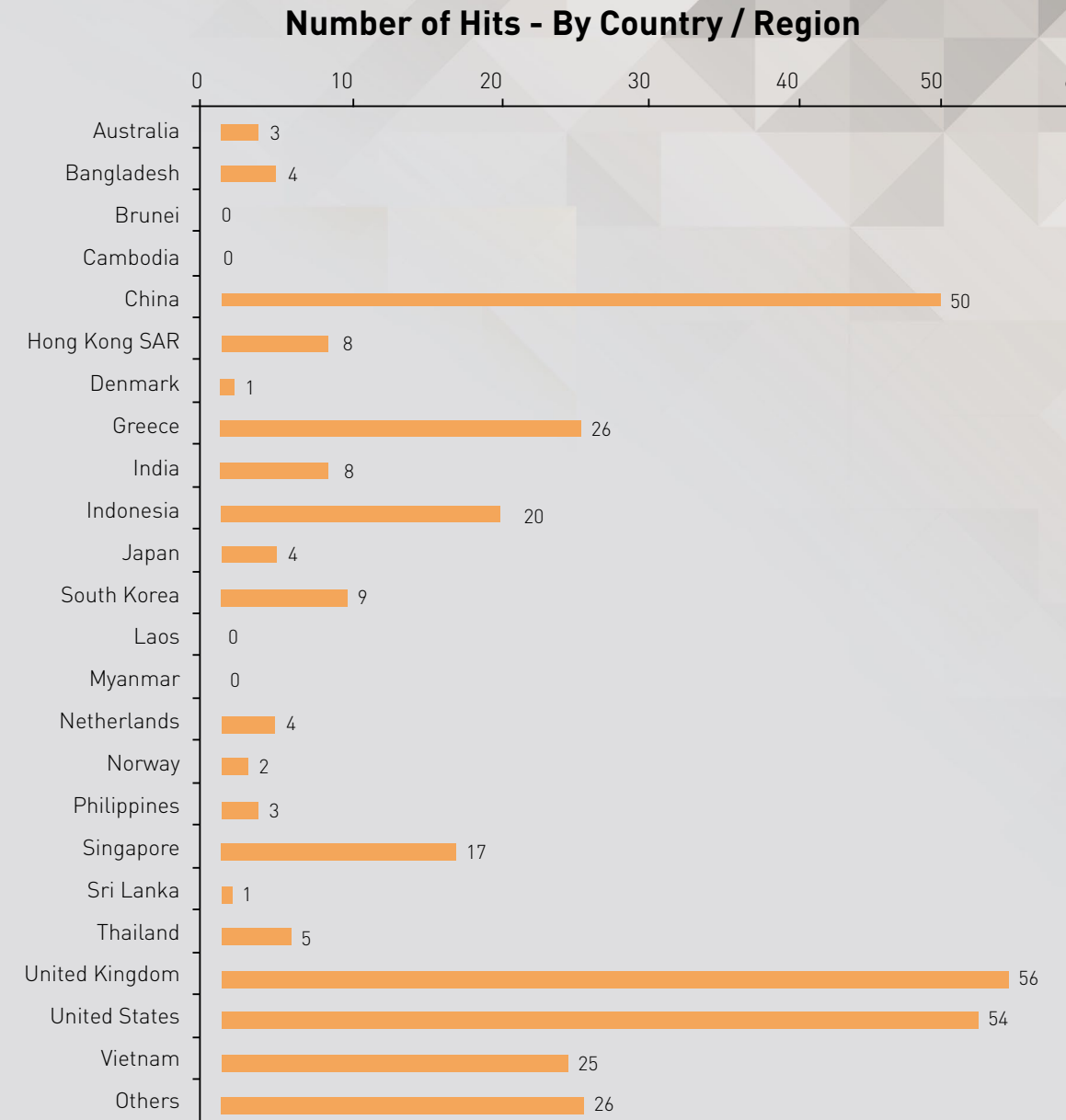
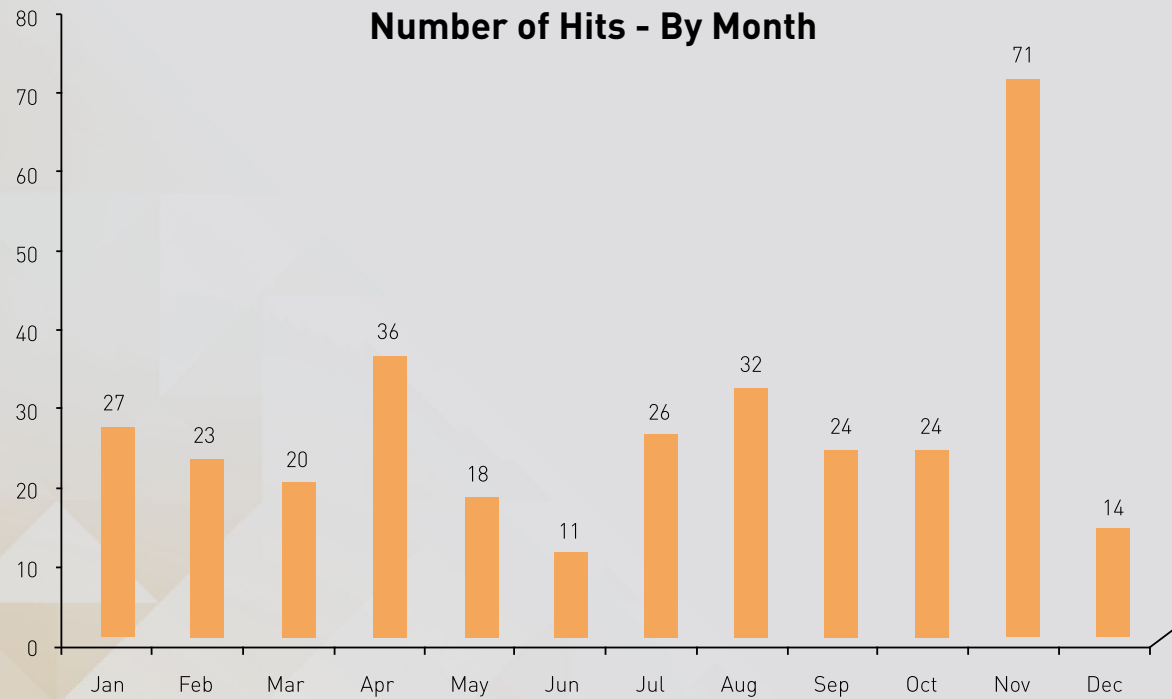
Similar to the earlier two training videos, subtitles were included in order to cater for vast array of audiences from different nations.



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## PRESS / MEDIA REPORTING

The total number of hits for press / media covering ReCAAP and ReCAAP ISC is 326. This translates to close to one press/media coverage per day for the period of January to December 2013. The coverage sorted "by Month" and "by Country / Region" is as follow:







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