

## **JOINT PRESS STATEMENT**

### **THE WORKSHOP ON COUNTER PIRACY PROGRAMME**

1. The Japan Coast Guard organised a Workshop on Counter Piracy Programme in Singapore, on 15-17 March 2011, supported by the Information Sharing Centre (ISC) of the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against ships in Asia (ReCAAP). The Workshop had also been endorsed by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) with a representative from its Project Implementation Unit (PIU) for the Djibouti Code of Conduct participating at this workshop to provide IMO's support.
2. In the Welcome Remarks delivered by Mr Yoshihisa Endo, Executive Director of the ReCAAP ISC, he highlighted that the issue of piracy is a complex one which requires cooperation at many levels and no one agency can address the challenges alone. He hoped this Workshop can provide the participants a platform in building confidence and a comfort zone so as to pave the way for better information sharing and greater cooperation.
3. The aims of the 3-day Workshop on Counter Piracy Programme were to provide participants with knowledge of piracy countermeasures, to introduce information sharing scheme for piracy cases, and to provide relevant training materials to enhance law enforcement capabilities.
4. In particular, the Japan Coast Guard focused on training to address challenges on piracy and armed robbery for participants from the Republic of Djibouti, Malaysia, the Republic of the Philippines, and the Kingdom of Thailand. The ReCAAP ISC, on the other hand, undertook the role of sharing its experience and knowledge in information sharing with the participants from the Republic of Kenya, the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Yemen, where the Information Sharing Centres' operations have just commenced. This is part of the ReCAAP ISC's efforts in supporting the IMO in its implementation for the Djibouti Code of Conduct,

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