

ReCAAP ISC Newsletter

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The ReCAAP ISC in cooperation with BIMCO, INTERTANKO and RSIS successfully organised the Piracy and Sea Robbery Conference 2013, with the theme, "Counter Piracy: Challenges, Responses and Lessons Learned" on 9 Apr 13 at the Pan Pacific Singapore.



Welcome Remarks given by the Chairperson of the ReCAAP ISC Governing Council, His Excellency Dr Pornchai Danvivathana

The Conference aimed to apprise the participants of the latest trends and assessments of piracy and sea robbery situation in Asia in 2013, including sharing of case studies for best management practices and lessons learned.

Part I covered the overview and perspective of piracy and armed robbery against ships. These were presented by the Speakers were from the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), Asian Shipowners' Forum (ASF), and the ReCAAP ISC.

Part II was a panel discussions 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.



An interactive panel discussion with the participants covering counter piracy efforts: challenges, responses and lessons learned



Closing Remarks given by the Executive Director, Mr Yoshihisa Endo

Maritime Information Sharing Exercise (MARISX) 2013, Singapore, 13-18 May 13

MARISX is a scenario-driven shore-based exercise to validate linkages among participating operation centres and to practice the information-sharing processes among regional navies.

MARISX 2013 was held at the Multinational Operations and Exercise Centre located in the Changi Command and Control Centre, on 13-18 May 2013. It saw the participation of 85 International Liaison Officers and 40 operations centres from 30 countries.

ReCAAP ISC serving as a subject matter expert (SME) partner to the Information Fusion

Centre participated in the MARISX 2013 to facilitate the piracy and sea robbery scenario injects.



Launching of Maritime Security Charts, Singapore, 17 May 13

The Admiralty Maritime Security Charts covering the waters around India and Southeast Asia, including the Straits of Malacca and Singapore, were launched at the Shared Awareness Meeting held by the Information Fusion Centre at the Changi Command and Control Centre on 17 May 2013. Held in conjunction with the MARISX 2013, the launching ceremony was jointly conducted by representative from Information Fusion Centre (IFC), ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre (ISC), Republic of Singapore Navy's Maritime Security Task Force (RSN MSTF), and United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO).

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.

The ReCAAP ISC was involved in urging vessels to report all incidents of piracy and armed

robbery against ships to the Rescue Coordination Centre (RCC) of the nearest coastal State and the ReCAAP Focal Points/Contact Point immediately. The chart also displays the contact details of the ReCAAP ISC and ReCAAP Focal Points/Contact Point which ship personnel, shore-based managers and security specialists can report to.



Mr Chris Parry MBE MA, Head of UK Fleet AWNIS Unit at the UK Ministry of Defence
 RADM Harris Chan, Commander of Maritime Security Task Force, Republic of Singapore Navy
 LTC Nicholas Lim, Head of Information Fusion Centre
 LTC (Retd) Nicholas Teo, Deputy Director of ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre

Anti-Piracy Forum, and Dialogue with Sarawak and Sabah Shipowners Association (SSSA), Sarawak, Malaysia, 21-22 May 13



Organised by the SSSA, the Forum was held in Sibu on 21 May 13, and Miri on 22 May 13. About 100 ship owners (mostly tug boat owners), and Malaysian governmental agencies representatives participated in the forum. The ReCAAP ISC was invited, for a second time, to speak at the Forum.

The ReCAAP ISC presented the background of ReCAAP, update on the situation of piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia during Jan-Mar 2013, and sharing of the newly-launched Tug Boats and Barges (TaB) Guide.

Engagement with the European Commission (EC) and European External Action Services (EEAS), 24-25 Jun 13

Headed by ED-ISC, the ReCAAP ISC called on the Vice President and Commissioner for Directorate General for Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE) Mr Siim Kallas, and other Senior Officials in EC's Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE), Directorate General for Development and Cooperation - EuropeAid (DG DEVCO), and EEAS's Director of the Security Policy and Conflict Prevention Directorate.

The discussions were mainly on ways to formalise the relationship between the EC and the ReCAAP ISC, and how the two organisations can benefit from each other's programmes.



Meeting and Roundtable with the European Institute of Asian Studies (EIAS), Brussels, 21 Jun 13

EIAS invited the ReCAAP ISC to speak at the Roundtable when the team was in Brussels. This was the first time, ReCAAP ISC was able to reach out to the interested stakeholders in Europe.

An Introduction of the ReCAAP and the Re-



CAAP ISC, and Updates on the piracy and sea robbery situations in Asia were presented.

It was attended by some 40 interested stakeholders, including researchers from EU/EC, representatives from the local academic institutes, Indonesia Embassy in Brussels, and a Japanese journalist.

The Djibouti Regional Training Centre (DRTC) Course on Advance Analysis Centre Training of ISC Operators and Regional Staff Seychelles, 22-26 Apr 13

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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.

Values

Reliability
excellence
Cohesiveness
Alertness
Adaptability
Professionalism

Integrity
Sustainability
Commitment

The DRTC Advanced Analysis Course was organised by IMO and EU MARSIC held at the Maritime Training Centre located in Seychelles. This was a continuation from the basic analysis course previously held in Mombasa, Kenya in 2012 which ReCAAP ISC had also supported.

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 piracy measures to aid seafarers in addressing the challenges at sea.

Attended by the three Djibouti Code of Conduct regional information sharing centres, the course had also incorporated visits 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.



Change of Governors



We have **one** new Governor who came onboard of the ReCAAP ISC Governing Council in this quarter.

Governor (Republic of Korea)
Mr Lim Hyun-churl
Assistant Minister
Maritime Affairs and Safety Policy
Bureau
Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries
With effect from 8 May 2013

Welcome on board!