

**Press Release**  
**United States of America joins the ReCAAP**

On 22 September 2014, United States of America (US) became the twentieth Contracting Party to the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP).

The Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy of the U.S. Coast Guard, Rear Admiral Paul F. Thomas has been appointed as the ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre (ISC) Governor for the US. US Coast Guard – Rescue Coordination Center Alameda (RCCAlameda) has been designated to be the focal point of the US.

The US' accession to ReCAAP signifies the growing strength of the ReCAAP network and demonstrates the importance of international cooperation to effectively address the challenges in combating piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia.

The ReCAAP ISC Deputy Director, LTC (Retd) Nicholas Teo, visited the ReCAAP Focal Point (US) located at the U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington DC to operationalise the Information Network System (IFN) and gained an insight on operations at Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance (CG-CVC).

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**Mission to operationalise the ReCAAP Focal Point for the US**

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