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ANTI-PIRACY AND SEA ROBBERY FORUM 2014

The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre (ISC) and Sarawak and Sabah Shipowners Association (SSSA) jointly organised the *Anti-Piracy and Sea Robbery Forum 2014*, on 24 June 2014, at the Imperial Hotel, Miri, Sarawak, East Malaysia. This was the first combine effort of the two organisations aimed at the suppression of piracy and armed robbery against ships in the region.

2. The one-day Forum had the theme of “*Enhancing Cooperation between Government Agencies and Shipping Industry*” and the aim of providing a platform for regional cooperation through better sharing and exchange of views involving the ReCAAP ISC, regional government agencies and shipping industry. The participants heard from the ReCAAP ISC on “Latest Development of ReCAAP” and “Trends on Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia”, and government agencies’ representatives from Malaysia (from Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency) and Singapore (from the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore) on the measures implemented. Additionally speakers from the shipping industry also highlighted the importance of collaboration and cooperation among stakeholders.

3. At the Welcome Remarks delivered by Mr Yong Ing Hui, President of SSSA, he expressed his gratitude for the strong participation of the government agencies and maritime industry in attending the Forum. While he noted and shared his members’ deep concerns on the piracy and sea robbery incidents, he hoped that the enhanced communication among the stakeholders after this Forum would fast forward exchange of actionable information.

4. LTC (Retd) Nicholas Teo, Deputy Director of the ReCAAP ISC, echoed Mr Yong’s sentiments while delivering his Opening Remarks. He underlined the importance of shared responsibility as no one agency could manage the challenges alone recognising the modules operandi was ever evolving.

5. Some 50 participants mainly from Sarawak and Sabah region, and representatives from the Royal Brunei Marine Police, actively discussed with the four-member panellists on issues relating to tug and barge operating in the East and West Malaysia, as well as incidents that occurred in ports and anchorages of the South East Asia region in particular the recent siphoning of marine gas oil incidents.

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