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ReCAAP ISC Conducts Virtual Capacity Building Executive Program 2022

51 officers from 19 ReCAAP Member States, as well as Indonesia and Malaysia participated virtually, fifth in the series of the Capacity Building Executive Programme (CBEP-2022) that was organised by the ReCAAP ISC from 27-28 September 2022. The theme of the CBEP is “Mechanism of engagement with local stakeholders and International Agencies to suppress Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in respective Area of Responsibility (AoR)”.

2. This year’s program focused on topics including “Efforts to enhance engagement with local stakeholders and International Agencies” and “Legal framework to address Piracy/Sea Robbery”. There were also sharing by MoFA Japan and BAKAMLA Indonesia, as well as the Focal Points of Bangladesh, China, India, Japan, the Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand and USA.

3. “Many nations in the south-east Asian region have various agencies/organisations within their countries to deal with maritime incidents, which are transnational in nature. However, no single agency/organisation within a coastal State or a country has adequate capacity to deal alone with these incidents. The collective efforts and shared responsibilities of all stakeholders are therefore crucial in combating piracy and sea robbery. The collaboration and cooperation among the littoral States is also important so that suitable measures can be implemented to deter and minimise the opportunities for perpetrators to engage in maritime crimes,” said Mr. Krishnaswamy Natarajan, Executive Director of ReCAAP ISC.

4. The ReCAAP Contracting Parties represented at this virtual CBEP-22 included Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, China, Denmark, Germany, India, Japan, Republic of Korea, Myanmar, the Netherlands, Norway, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam and the United States of America.



Caption: Officers from ReCAAP contracting Parties and ReCAAP ISC gathered virtually at the ReCAAP ISC Capacity Building Executive Programme 2022.

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The Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) is the first regional government-to-government agreement to promote and enhance cooperation against piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia. The Agreement entered into force on September 4, 2006 with 14 Asian countries as Contracting Parties, and the Information Sharing Centre was established on November 29, 2006. To date, 21 States (14 Asian countries, 5 European countries, Australia, the USA) have become Contracting Parties to ReCAAP. To fulfil its vision as the Information Hub for combating piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia, ReCAAP ISC enhances regional cooperation through information sharing, capacity building and cooperative arrangements. At the 12th Governing Council Meeting in 2018, the Council announced that ReCAAP ISC has met the criteria to be a Centre of Excellence for information sharing in combating piracy and armed robbery at sea. For more information about ReCAAP ISC, please visit <http://www.recaap.org>