

**11th MEETING OF THE IHO INTER-REGIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
IHO-IRCC11
Genoa, Italy, 3-5 June 2019**

Report from EAST ASIA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION (EAHC)

1. Chair

Chair: **Dr. Yukihiro KATO (Japan)** (Sep. 2018 - the next EAHC Conference in 2021)

Vice-Chair: **Rear Admiral Harjo SUSMORO (Indonesia)** (Sep. 2018 - the next EAHC Conference in 2021)

2. Membership

Members: Brunei Darussalam, China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam (provisional)

Observers: Cambodia, Timor Leste,

3. Meetings:

Following EAHC meetings have taken place:

- 7th EAHC Charting and Hydrography Committee Meeting, Chiang Mai, Thailand, 27-28 November 2018.
- 1st EAHC MSDI Working Group Meeting, Chiang Mai, Thailand, 28-29 November 2018.
- 9th EAHC Training and Research Development Committee Board of Director Meeting, Bali Indonesia, 18-19 February 2019.
- 6th EAHC Steering Committee Meeting, Bali, Indonesia, 20-22 February 2019.

Planned meetings:

- 10th EAHC Training and Research Development Committee Board of Director Meeting, Singapore, June 25, 2019.
- 2nd EAHC MSDI Working Group Meeting, Chiang Mai, Thailand, June 26, 2019.
- 8th EAHC Charting and Hydrography Committee Meeting, Singapore, June 27-28, 2019.
- 7th EAHC Steering Committee Meeting, Tokyo, Japan, February 2020.

4. Current EAHC Working Groups:

- Charting and Hydrography Committee (CHC)
- Training and Research Development Committee Board of Director (TRDC-BoD)
- East Asia ENC Coordinating Centre (EA-RECC)
- Strategic Team Advance Roadmap (STAR) Task Group
- East Asia Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure Working Group (EAHC-MSDIWG)

5. Status of IRCC actions (relevant for the EAHC):

EAHC Chair sent a Circular Letter to request EAHC MSs to deal with the list of recommendations “IRCC10 Report – Annex F” and reminded it at the 6th EAHC Steering Committee Meeting in Indonesia (20-22 February 2019).

Particularly, regarding the status of requests, EAHC has no objections on the draft IHO Resolution 2/1997 based on the results of the EAHC Circular Letter. Also, EAHC has no objections on that the management of ENC overlap cases should be implemented by RHCs.

Regarding the other requests from IRCC10 Report - Annex F, i.e. items about “GMDSS Master Plan and IHO Publication C-55” and CSB activities, discussions are not enough in EAHC so it would be ongoing.

6. Agenda

a) EAHC 50th Anniversary in 2021 -Golden Jubilee -

- EAHC was established in 1971, and 2021 will be the 50th anniversary of EAHC.
- EAHC has established EAHC 50th celebration Task Group (EAHC 50th TG) led by Japan for the preparation and consideration of EAHC 50th events.
- The Events are being considered by EAHC Member States by correspondence and the outline will be reported at the next EAHC Steering Committee (SC) in February 2020.

b) EAHC Strategic Plan

- EAHC SC4 in 2017 agreed to the ToR of “Strategic Team Advance Roadmap (STAR) Task Group” to develop a Strategic Plan of EAHC and associated key objectives for EAHC to meet future needs.
- In order to understand Member States (MSs) capacity and limitations, questionnaire with 13 questions was circulated to MSs by Japan in Dec 2017.
- 7 members replied the questionnaire and STAR WG made a report of the result of questionnaire at EAHC SC6 in 2019.
- STAR WG will develop the EAHC Strategic Plan in 2020 based on the discussion and progress of the IHO Strategic Plan Review WG (SPRWG).

c) Capacity building

EAHC carried out Capacity Building activities in 2018 as followings

No	Events	Status
1	LiDAR and Satellite Derived Bathymetry Workshop	Done 30 Jan. – 1 Feb.2018 /Japan
2	Use of GNSS for Tide Correction For Survey	Done 9-13 July 2018 / Indonesia
3	Carto Production DB System Development Workshop	Done 22-26 October / China

EAHC plans to carry out Capacity Building activities in 2019 as followings.

No	Events	Venue/Date
1	Maritime Safety Information (MSI) Course Management of MSI DB workshop	Indonesia / September
2	Risk Assessment for hydrographic surveys and charting management for the safety of navigation	Brunei Darussalam / TBD
3	Technical Visit to Cambodia	Cambodia / August

7. EAHC cooperation with stakeholders (organizations, industry, etc.):

Hydrographic South East Asia (Hydro SEA) Conference and Exhibition took place in 19 - 20 Sep, at Putrajaya Malaysia. These conference were held in conjunction with 13th EAHC Conference under collaboration between National Hydrographic Centre of Malaysia and Malaysian Hydrographic Society (MyHS). Experts in hydrography and related disciplines from private, public, government and academic sectors joined the event.

8. Conclusions :

The Commission is in the right course of cooperation, collaboration and strengthen the regional understanding.

9. Actions required of IRCC:

The IRCC is invited to:

- a. note this report.

Dr. Yukihiro Kato
Chair of East Asia Hydrographic Commission