

15th MEETING OF THE IHO INTER-REGIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE**IHO-IRCC15**

Tokyo, Japan, 12-14 June 2023

REPORT OF THE EAST ASIA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION

1. **Chair:** Vice Admiral Nurhidayat – Indonesia
Vice-Chair: Captain Chen Aiping – China
2. **Membership:**
 - a. **Members:** Brunei Darussalam, China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand
 - b. **Observers:** Cambodia, Timor Leste, UK, USA, Viet Nam, GEBCO Guiding Committee
3. **Meetings:**
9th EAHC SC Meeting: Yogyakarta, Indonesia (16-17 February 2023)
4. **Agenda Items:**
 - a. EAHC Membership Status.
 - b. EA-RECC Report
 - c. EAHC-MSDI WG Report
 - d. TRDC-BOD Report
 - e. Strategic Team Advance Roadmap (STAR), Task Group Report and Discussion on The New EAHC Structure Election of Vice Chair
 - f. Regional Framework for Disaster Risk Management and Mitigation.
 - g. Managing and Coordinating the Migration to S-100
 - h. EAHC Statutes Amendments-Terms of Reference
 - i. Maritime Safety Information (MSI) by NAVAREA XI Coordinator
 - j. CSBWG Update
 - k. Statutes of Seabed 2030 Progress in EAHC Region
 - l. Election of the EAHC Vice Chair
5. **Difficulties encountered and challenges yet to be addressed:**
 - a. The Covid-19 pandemic has hampered the work of the commission and its groups, particularly in improving personnel capabilities, one of which is implementing a face-to-face capacity-building program.
 - b. EAHC will further optimize the existing organizational functions of EAHC through the Strategic Team Advance Roadmap (STAR) program to implement the Development of hydrographic survey technology and synchronizes the Nautical charts in the future.

- c. Implement amendments to EAHC statutes, particularly relating to membership.
- d. The EAHC needs to have an extensive in-charge working group supporting the preparation of the capacity-building program in the Region. The MS carries out and broadens training and workshops on the S-100 program within the scope of capacity building in the Region.

6. Achievements/outputs/conclusions:

- a. EAHC has appointed Indonesia as chair for TRDC-BOD.
- b. China is the vice chair of EAHC for 2022-2025.
- c. EAHC is committed to building MSDI. Therefore, an MSDI working group meeting will be held in Hanoi, Vietnam. EAHC will activate the Working Group for developing the S-100 Roadmap, MSDI and Capacity building programs.
- d. The next EAHC SC meeting will be held in Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia, on 14-15 February 2024.
- e. In 2022, EAHC successfully implemented a capacity-building program through the TRDC program on the Development and implementation of a regional framework for disaster and management, which Indonesia organizes (hybrid)
- f. C-55 will be updated in 2023 by the member state.
- g. The Seabed 2030 project has three strategies to achieve its objective; Crowded Sourced Bathymetry and technical innovation in collecting marine bathymetric data by each member state.

7. Actions required of IRCC:

- a) **Note** the report of the East Asia Hydrographic Commission.
- b) **Take** any other action considered appropriate.

Nurhidayat,

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Chief Hydrographer
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