

3rd East Asia Hydrographic Commission ENC Task Group Meeting

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4th East Asia Hydrographic Commission Coordinating Meeting

21 – 22 January 2010

Imperial Queen's Park Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand



The 3rd EAHC ENC Task Group Meeting was held on 20 January 2010, back to back with the 4th EAHC Coordinating Meeting which was held on 21 - 22 January 2010 by the Hydrographic Department, Royal Thai Navy at the Imperial Queen's Park Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand. There were 28 delegates attending the meetings, including China, Indonesia, Japan, ROK, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. DPRK could not join the meetings due to some technical problems.

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Introduction

Dr Parry Oei, the Chairman of the ENC Task Group welcomed all participants to Bangkok and to the meeting. He thanked the Thai hosts for organizing the meeting. He emphasized the importance of the meeting as it impacted the safety of navigation and the safety of life at sea.

SCS ENC

Mr. KC Ng, SCS ENC Administrator updated MS on the present status of the SCS ENC including a number of eNTMs issued since the launch of the 2nd Edition of the SCS ENCs. He also presented the online EAHC ENC Catalogue covering respective MS' overlapping ENCs. MS

agreed to continue providing their respective eNTMs and update their respective ENC coverage in the ENC Catalogue.

ENC Harmonization

Due to the impending phased-in mandatory ECDIS carriage requirements, a plan and timeline were developed to address the issue of ENC data harmonization in the region. MS agreed to jointly produce a Band 1 ENC which would not be used for navigation while Band 2 ENC would be developed based on the SCS ENC. For larger scales, a bilateral, multilateral or national basis could be used to resolve the issue. In view of short timeline, therefore, Band 1 ENC is the first priority.

Next Meeting

In order for the work to be done under short timeline, the meeting agreed to hold the 4th EAHC ENC Task Group Meeting in March and China (Hong Kong) will be the host.

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Introduction

Vice Admiral Nakorn Tanuwong, Director General, Hydrographic Department, Royal Thai Navy, and Chairman of EAHC warmly welcomed all delegates to Bangkok and to the meeting. Chairman highlighted the significance of this annual meeting as a platform for Heads of Hydrographic Offices in the region to review update and provide MS the regional direction, policies and work programmes to enhance the safety of navigation in the region. He also emphasized the importance of the meeting to address the urgent issues regarding harmonizing ENC data.

Main Outcomes

1. ENC Task Group and TAG responsibilities were clarified and Singapore provided an organizational chart and a workflow between the ENC Task Group and TAG.
2. The meeting adopted the ENC Task Group report and recommendations.

3. China has developed the new website of EAHC which unifies all 4 EAHC websites. The meeting adopted this new website and agreed to launch it at this year's World Hydrographic Day on 21 June 2010 in Thailand, which will be held back to back with the 5th EAHC ENC Task Group Meeting.

Next Meeting

The meeting agreed to hold the next EAHC Coordinating Meeting in Indonesia in January/February 2011.

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