

**INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION
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**EAST ASIA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION TECHNICAL VISIT TO
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR LESTE**

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SUMMARY SHEET

Title of Activity: EAHC Technical Visit to Democratic Republic of Timor Leste

Host Country: Democratic Republic of Timor Leste (RDTL)

Venue: Timor Leste Defence Force Headquarters

Date: 6th December 2016

Organized by: East Asia Hydrographic Commission and Timor Leste Defence Force

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Number of participants: six (6) from EAHC twenty-four (24) from RDTL

Participating countries: Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore & RDTL

INTRODUCTION

The International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) and the East Asia Hydrographic Commission (EAHC) had been working together in encouraging non-member States in the East Asia region to join the IHO. So far, two (2) countries have already accepted to become IHO Member States (MSs) which is Brunei Darussalam and Vietnam from the previous technical visit.

To further enhance the technical cooperation in the region and encourage non-MSs to become part of the Organization, the IHO has approved the Technical Visit to Timor-Leste as part of the 2016 Capacity Building Work Program (CBWP).

Malaysia, as the current EAHC Chairman, is the project leader for the Technical Visit. First Admiral Hanafiah bin Hassan, Deputy Chief Hydrographer of Malaysia has represented EAHC Chairman and headed the Technical Visit team. He was accompanied by Singapore Chief Hydrographer, Dr Parry Oei, Indonesia Chief Hydrographer, First Admiral Harjo Susmaro, PUSHIDROSAL Charting Director, Captain Dyan Primana Sobarudin, National Hydrographic Center Head of Cartography, Commander Azrul Nezam bin Asri RMN and NHC Staff Officer, Lt Cdr Ahmad Shahrin bin Abu Zarin RMN.

Timor-Leste delegations were headed by Honourable Major General Lere Anan Timur, Chief of Defence Force from East Timor Defence Force and accompanied by senior government officials from Maritime Police, Direction of Transport and Communication, Port Authority, Direction of Fishery from Ministry of Agriculture and Fishery, Representative from Ministry Foreign Affairs, Petroleum National Authority, Representative from Maritime Boundary and Representative from Custom.

List of delegations from East Timor Defence Force:

- a. Commander Adão Brito-Jacky**
- b. First Lieutenant Raimundo Soares**
- c. Second Lieutenant Francisco F. Correia**
- d. Second Lieutenant Doroteio dos Santos Noronha**
- e. Seargent Mateus Correia**
- f. Clementino Colo.**

List of delegations from Maritime Police:

- a. Superintendent Lino Saldanha**
- b. Jose Gomes, Joel Madeira**
- c. Ezequiel**

List of delegations from Direction of Transport and Communication:

- a. Lino Barreto**
- b. Natalino D.N. de Carvalho**
- c. Alberto F. Pereira**

Delegations from Port Authority:

- a. Dr. Constantino F. Soares**

List of delegations from Direction of Fishery from Ministry of Agriculture and Fishery:

- a. Celestino da C. Barreto**
- b. Orlando H. Kalis, Jose Monteiro**
- c. Fernando da Silva**

Delegations from Ministry Foreign Affairs:

- a. Dr. Pedro Laranjeira**

List of delegations from Petroleum National Authority:

- a. Jerawati Corte Real de Oliveira**
- b. Jose Sarmento**

Delegations from Maritime Boundary:

- a. Adelsia Coelho da Silva**

Delegations from Custom:

- a. Rodrigo Garcia Bernal**

GENERAL ASSESSMENT

The Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste is a small coastal State in Southeast Asia which lies between the archipelago of Indonesia and the vast Australian continent. It comprises the eastern half of the island of Timor. The small country of 15,410 km² is located about 640 km Northwest of Darwin, Australia and has 706 km of coastline.

As a young country, RDTL has not yet established their Hydrographic Office. Currently, Naval Component of Timor Leste Defence Force acts as the RDTL Hydrographic Office and as the point of contact for any hydrographic matters. The other agencies that involved with hydrographic matters are Maritime Police and Ministry Foreign Affairs. Until now, there is no proper structure for Hydrographic Committees and documentation to guide them.

STATUS OF HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYING AT RDTL

Since RDTL Restoration of Independence in 2002, no official hydrographic survey was conducted by any RDTL government agencies. According to Port of Dili President, Most of the Hydrographic Survey was contracted out to the Indonesian commercial survey company but there is no further information about it.

STATUS OF NAUTICAL CHARTING

RDTL has not published any official nautical chart but their water has been covered by 10 Indonesian charts and 8 Australian charts with various scale.

VISIT TO DILI PORT

Visit to Port of Dili was carried out on 7 Dec 16. This visit is meant to further enhance the technical cooperation in the region and to emphasize the importance of safety of navigation at the port. Dili Port President has welcomed EAHC Delegations and he has expressed his desire to join the IHO and EAHC in the future. He wishes that EAHC can provide appropriate assistance for them to be able to conduct their own hydrographic survey, especially in Port of Dili. The last hydrographic survey was conducted a few years ago complimentary by Japan Self Defence Force. The survey only covers Port of Dili jetty. He is very keen to produce their own nautical charts that cover Timor-Leste waters especially Port of Dili. This is because until now, Timor-Leste still not able to produce their own nautical charts and still relying on nautical charts produced by Australia and Indonesia. As the international and main port in Timor-Leste, it is vital to have periodic Bathymetric Survey and up to date nautical charts to ensure the safety of navigation for all inbound and outbound ships.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Currently, RDTL has no competent hydrographic surveyors and cartographers. A few or Maritime Police Officers has gone to Korea for basic hydrographic survey course but there is no further detail information about it. However, they hope to be part of IHO and EAHC capacity building program in the future.

FUTURE PLANS FOR RDTL HYDROGRAPHY

For short term planning, RDTL has the plan to establish a joint commission with Maritime Authority, Naval Component, and Other relevant Ministry to initiate the Hydrography Office. RDTL also wish to establish their survey reference point, tidal station and installation of Aids To Navigation to ensure safety to navigation in RDTL waters.

For Long term planning, RDTL wishes to setup East Timor Hydrographic association. This association will be the nucleus team to construct the Hydrographic Organization structure, legal document, budgeting and capacity building for RDTL Hydrographic Office. After established RDTL Hydrographic Office, they hope to join IHO and EAHC.

CONCLUSION

The technical visit of the EAHC delegation was met with enthusiasm and warm reception by the officials of the Timor Leste Defence Force together with representatives from other government agencies. During the visit, RDTL delegations have expressed their desire to join the IHO and EAHC in the future. They also expressed the wish that EAHC can provide appropriate assistance to conduct the hydrographic survey in Timor-Leste waters and produce their own nautical charts and other related nautical publications.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The EAHC recommends that:

- a) RDTL and Port of Dili invited in future EAHC and IHO meetings in order for them to be aware and updated on the activities of these organization and prepare in getting involved in the affairs of these two international bodies.
- b) That they are invited in capacity-building programs to strengthen their capacities in the fields of hydrographic surveying and nautical charting and other relevant training programs.
- c) Continue providing assistance and guidance in the preparation of the requirements of becoming a full Member State of the IHO and EAHC.

Focal Persons for RDTL

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Group Photo - EAHC Delegations headed by FAdm Hanafiah bin Hassan (Malaysia) as Representative of EAHC Chairman with Timor-Leste Delegations headed by Honourable Major General Lere Anan Timur, Timor-Leste Chief of Defence Force



FAdm Hanafiah bin Hassan (Malaysia) as representative of EAHC Chairman delivered his speech to all delegations



EAHC Delegations delivering presentations about the roles of IHO & EAHC



The members of the EAHC delegation headed by FAdm Hanafiah Hassan, Malaysia (3rd from left) flanked by FAdm Harjo Susmaro, Indonesia (left) and Dr. Parry Oei Singapore (right) during the Question & Answer Session



Port of Dili President (center), flanked by officials from Naval Component warmly welcomes the EAHC delegates



FAdm Hanafiah Hassan as Head of Delegations explained about IHO and EAHC roles to Port of Dili President



EAHC and Timor-Leste Delegations listening to briefing by Port of Dili President



FAdm Hanafiah Hassan presented memento to Dr. Constantino F. Soares, Port of Dili President



EABC Delegations with Tais Timor (From Left) - Lt Cdr Shahrin RMN (Malaysia), Dr. Parry Oei (Singapore), FAdm Hanafiah Hassan (Malaysia), FAdm Harjo Susmaro (Indonesia), Captain Dyan (Indonesia) and Cdr Azrul Nezam (Malaysia)