



**INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION
EAST ASIA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION**



**THIRD MEETING OF THE IHO INTER REGIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE
IHO-IRCC3**

Niteroi, Brazil, 26-27 May 2011

REPORT FROM THE EAST ASIA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION

1. Chair: Vice Admiral Prayuth Netrprapa (Thailand)
Vice Chair: Commodore Romeo I. Ho (Philippines)

2. Membership
Full Members: China, Democratic People Republic of Korea (DPRK), Indonesia,
Japan, Republic of Korea (ROK), Malaysia, Philippines,
Singapore and Thailand
Observers: Brunei Darussalam, UK, USA and Vietnam

3. Activities
 - 3.1. Meetings
 - 3.1.1. Since 2nd IRCC

Date	Event	Venue
19-21 July 2010	5 th EAHC ENC Task Group Meeting	Thailand
26 January 2011	6 th EAHC ENC Task Group Meeting	Indonesia
27-28 January 2011	5 th EAHC Coordinating Meeting	Indonesia
28-29 April 2011	1 st EAHC Ad hoc Discussion Group Meeting	Republic of Korea

3.1.2. Next events

Date	Event	Venue
12-15 July 2011	7 th EAHC ENC Task Group Meeting	China

3.2. IHO Capacity Building

3.2.1. Since 2nd IRCC

Date	Event	Venue
15-19 November 2010	Workshop on Technical Aspects of Maritime Boundaries, Baselines and the Extended Continental Shelf	Thailand
23-26 November 2011	Workshop on Marine Cartography and ENC Production and Quality Assurance	Vietnam
25-26 November 2011	Technical Visit to Vietnam Maritime Safety-North	Vietnam

3.2.2. Next events

Date	Event	Venue
20-24 June 2011	Workshop on Database Design and Management	Thailand
5-7 July 2011	Workshop on ENC Production and Quality Assurance	Indonesia
September 2011	Workshop on Multibeam Survey and Side Scan Sonar	Singapore

3.3. Japan Capacity Building Project

3.3.1. 9 February 2011 5th Coordination Meeting (Monaco)

The meeting evaluated the course conducted in 2010 and discussed the contents and schedule of the training course which will be held from September to December 2011.

3.3.2. 19 April 2011 6th Coordination Meeting (Monaco)

The selection board examined all the documentation received. The candidates from Bangladesh, Indonesia, Mexico, Oman, Pakistan and Philippines were finally selected for the course that will be run at the UK Hydrographic Office, from 05 September to 16 December 2011. Moreover, it is highly probable that this course might continue for at least two more calls, in 2012 and 2013, thanks to the kind support of the Nippon Foundation.

4. Main items under consideration

4.1. ENC development

With the phased-in implementation of the ECDIS from 2012 and the growing number of ENCs, EAHC Member States (MS) recognized the urgent need to address ENC overlaps, gaps and data harmonization which could lead to unstable ECDIS performance. MS agreed to harmonize small-scale ENCs based on regional cooperation and larger scale ENCs based on multilateral, bilateral or national basis. EAHC ENC Task Group has been tasked to produce harmonized small scale ENCs.

4.2. EAHC website

The new EAHC website (<http://home.eahc.asia>) was launched at the 5th EAHC ENC Task Group Meeting in July 2010.

4.3. EAHC Capacity Building

At the 5th EAHC Coordinating Meeting in January 2011, the Ad hoc Discussion Group (ADG) was formed to explore the short and long term training needs and other relevant activities of MSs.

4.4. Status of IRCC actions (relevant for EAHC)

4.4.1. IRCC02/01: Adopt objectives to accelerate the process of ratification of the protocol of amendments to the IHO Convention in order to meet the end of 2011 deadline.

- *At 5th EAHC Coordinating Meeting in January 2011, MSs who have not finished the rectification process were urged to accelerate the process in order to meet the deadline.*

4.4.2. IRCC02/02: Encourage the approval of pending applications for IHO membership.

- *At 5th EAHC Coordinating Meeting in January 2011, MSs were encouraged to approve the pending applications for IHO membership.*

4.4.3. IRCC02/05a: Methodology used for assessing and displaying survey status, taking into account navigational and MSDI requirements.

- *through EAHC ENC catalogue for navigation.*

4.4.4. IRCC02/05b: Implementation of the guidance for the preparation and maintenance of International chart schemes (CL 23/2010 of 3 March 2010).

- *EAHC has EAHC ENC Task Group for regional and inter-regional ENC development, and INT Chart Coordinator for INT chart preparation and maintenance.*

4.4.5. IRCC02/05c: Experience in dealing with marine disasters in relation with IHO guidelines (TR 1/2005).

- *At 10th EAHC Conference in October 2009 emergency point of contact was established.*

4.4.6. IRCC02/05d: Strategies to involve non-IHO MSs in RHC's activities.

- *visit non-IHO MSs in the region through the IHO technical visit program*
- *invite non-IHO MSs in the region to attend EAHC meetings and trainings*
- *encourage non-IHO MSs in the region to host IHO capacity building meetings and trainings.*

4.4.7. IRCC02/06: Nominate a representative to the IHR Editorial Board and report to the IHB.

- *MSs have been encouraged to be representative to the IHR Editorial Board.*

4.4.8. IRCC02/12: Request follow up reports from recipients of CB Fund support and submit them to the IHB.

- *At 5th EAHC Coordinating Meeting in January 2011, MSs were informed about requirement for recipients of CB Fund support to submit follow up reports to the IHB.*