

**9<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE IHO INTER-REGIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
IHO-IRCC9  
Paramaribo, Suriname, 12-14 June 2017**

**EAST ASIA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION**

**EAHC Report to IRCC9**

**1. Chair**

**Chair:** Commodore Romeo I. HO (Philippines) September 2012 – October 2013  
Commodore Jacinto M. Cablayan (Philippines) October 2013 – October 2015  
Rear Admiral Dato' Pahlawan Zaa'im HASAN (Malaysia) October 2015 – January 2017  
**Rear Admiral Dato' Fadzilah Mohd Salleh (Malaysia) since January 2017**

**Vice-Chair:** Rear Admiral Dato' Pahlawan Zaa'im HASAN (Malaysia) September 2012 – October 2015  
Mr. Shigeru KASUGA (Japan) October 2015 – April 2016  
**Dr. Arata SENGOKU (Japan) since April 2016**

**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, UK, USA, GEBCO Guiding Committee

**3. Meetings:**

Following EAHC meetings have taken place:

- 5<sup>th</sup> EAHC Charting and Hydrography Committee Meeting, Singapore, 19-21 October 2016
- 6<sup>th</sup> EAHC Training and Research Development Committee Board of Director Meeting, Tokyo, Japan, 21 February 2017
- 4<sup>th</sup> EAHC Steering Committee Meeting, Tokyo, Japan, 22-24 February 2017

Next meetings:

- 6<sup>th</sup> EAHC Charting and Hydrography Committee Meeting, Tokyo, Japan, 21-23 August 2017
- 7<sup>th</sup> EAHC Training and Research Development Committee Board of Director Meeting, Tokyo, Japan, 24-25 August 2017
- 5<sup>th</sup> EAHC Steering Committee Meeting, China, February 2018
- 13<sup>th</sup> EAHC Conference, Malaysia, October 2018

**4. Current EAHC Working Groups:**

- a) Charting and Hydrography Committee (CHC)
- b) Training and Research Development Committee Board of Director (TRDC-BoD)
- c) Regional ENC Coordinating Centre (RECC)

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

*IRCC8/N12* : EAHC to submit the technical visit reports executed in 2014.

Action: Reports were sent on 19 September 2016 and acknowledged by Alberto Costa Neves

**6. Agenda Items:**

None

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

None

**8. Difficulties encountered and challenges yet to be addressed :**

- a. Regional Geographical Name
- b. Political Influence
- c. Communication with Democratic People's Republic of Korea

**9. Achievements and lessons learned Conclusions:**

- a. EAHC Capacity Building Programme - 1st Training for Trainers in Hydrography, 24 October – 4 November 2016
- b. Production of East Asia ENC and South China Sea ENC (temporary suspended since 17 April 2017 – EAHC CL6/2017).
- c. Successful Technical Visits conducted:
  - (1) Technical Visit to Timor Leste, 6-7 December 2016
  - (2) Technical Visit to Cambodia, 4-5 April 2017
- d. Establishment of new Working Groups under CHC:
  - (1) Marine Spatial Database Infrastructure Working Group (MSDIWG)
  - (2) Strategic Team Advance Roadmap (STAR) Task Group

**10. Actions required of IRCC:**

The IRCC is invited to:

- a. note this report.

**Rear Admiral Dato' Fadzilah MOHD SALLEH**  
Chair of East Asia Hydrographic Commission