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Initiation of the "Development of VTS Capacity" Project Progress Report (No. 4)

1. The Training Course for VTS Operator based on the IALA V-103/1.
2. The Opening Ceremony of ASEAN Regional Training Center for VTS.
3. Address by IALA Secretary General for the Opening Ceremony.

1. The Training Course for VTS Operator based on the IALA V-103/1 was started as follows;

- (1) Period : From 24th July 2017
to 20th October 2017 (90days)
- (2) Place : ASEAN Regional Training Center (Malaysia)
- (3) Trainees : 18 persons (each 2 persons from ASEAN member states except for Brunei Darussalam)
- (4) Contents : Lecture for Basic English, Communication, Marine knowledge, Equipment, Chart and so on necessary subjects. The five instructors are conducting operation training using VTS simulator.

2. The Opening Ceremony of ASEAN Regional Training Center for VTS (ARTV) was held as Follows;

- (1) Date and Time : 29th August 2017 from 09:50 a.m. to 12:00
- (2) Venue : ASEAN Regional Training Center for VTS (ARTV)
located at Maritime Transport Training Center (MATRAIN)
- (3) Organizer : Marine Department, Malaysia
- (4) Participants (honor) :
 - Japan : Mr. Ishii, Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Mr. Miyagawa, Ambassador of Embassy of Japan in Malaysia, Mr. Iwanami, Vice Commandant for Operations of Japan Coast Guard and so on.
 - Malaysia : Mr. Liow, Minister of Transport, Malaysia, Mr. Baharin, Director General of Marine Department

- ASEAN : Ambassador of Embassies of Laos, Philippines and Vietnam in Malaysia
- (5) Media : NHK (Japan) and more than 15 companies.
- (6) Summary :

Mr. Keiich Ishii, Minister of MLIT, Japan addressed that this project was established to reinforce the measures of safety navigation in ASEAN region by Japanese fund. He also mentioned that we expect the ARTV will contribute for keeping safety of marine traffic of ASEAN region and further good relationship between ASEAN and Japan.

Mr. Liow Tiong Lai, Minister of Transport, Malaysia addressed that express their appreciations for the Japanese assistance. He also mentioned that he expects the ARTV will contribute for safety of mare traffic of ASEAN region.

After that, they sighed on the “Memorial Nameplate” and Mr. Ishii presented “Handover List of Equipment” to Mr. Liow.

3. Address by IALA Secretary General for the Opening Ceremony.



Opening Speech of Francis Zachariae, IALA Secretary General

Ladies and gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure that I write a few opening words to you at the start of this important VTS operator training at MATRAIN in Malaysia.

A year ago the Marine Department of Malaysia and the Malaysian Ministry of Transport hosted the IALA 13th VTS Symposium with the theme "Sustainable Safe Navigation". And as pointed out by the Secretary-General of IMO during his opening speech, this 13th International VTS Symposium also embodied the spirit of the three C's: Cooperation, Collaboration and Communication.

Of course, there are many excellent, collaborative initiatives specifically focusing on VTS, but the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Regional Project on VTS Operator Training at the Maritime Transport Training Institute in Malaysia is unique in its kind. Under this

initiative, a Regional Training Centre for VTS personnel is established for ASEAN countries, which will allow VTS operators of those countries to be trained effectively and in a harmonized and cooperative manner. The IALA World-Wide Academy was involved in this project from the very beginning and fully supports this important initiative that has been made possible with a generous sponsorship from Japan.

Technology has moved on a lot since the advent of radar provided the opportunity to accurately monitor and track vessel traffic and led to the first formal VTS systems being established in the mid-20th century. IMO recognized the importance of VTS in its Assembly resolutions adopted 1968 and 1985.

In the year 2000, IMO adopted the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), Chapter V, Regulation 12 - Vessel Traffic Services, which clarifies the role of VTS in contributing to safety of life at sea, safety and efficiency of navigation and protection of the marine environment while protecting shore areas, work sites and offshore installations from possible adverse effects of maritime traffic. The regulation also outlines the role of Governments and makes it clear that the decision on whether or not to provide VTS services lies with the national authorities.

Among many VTS publications, IALA developed Recommendation R0103 that sets the standard for Training and Certification of VTS personnel. This recommendation and its related Model Courses form the basis of your training and also important future job. A job with a high responsibility for the safety of navigation at sea – protecting people and ships, preventing collisions and thereby protecting the marine environment – it is a vital element in maintaining an effective and sustainable maritime transport chain.

IALA and its World-Wide Academy wish you all success during this VTS operator training and in your maritime career.

Sincerely

Francis Zachariae, IALA Secretary General



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