

# ReCAAP ISC Newsletter

From the  
editorial .....

Welcome back!

Heartfelt thanks to all for giving us your valuable comments and complimentary after the inaugural issue was launched on 30 June 2010. Your encouragements are the motivation to us.

In addition to the Front-page article on 'ReCAAP Focal Point Senior Officers' Meeting 3/10', you can read on:

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- page 4 'The Kingdom of the Netherlands joins the ReCAAP'.

A new section titled "Upcoming events" is tagged on page 4 to provide some vital information that you may wish to note.

As always, do feel free to write to us [newsletter@recaap.org](mailto:newsletter@recaap.org)

*Be connected!*

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## ReCAAP Focal Point Senior Officers' Meeting 3/10

The ReCAAP Focal Point Senior Officers' Meeting (FPSOM) 3/10 was successfully conducted on 25-27 Aug 10 at the Millennium Resort Patong Phuket, Thailand. It was jointly organised by the ReCAAP ISC, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Thailand) and the Royal Thai Navy (RTN). Building upon the successful conduct of last year's meeting, the theme this year was "Enhancing Operational Cooperation".

The aim of this meeting was to share best practices and the experiences of ReCAAP Focal Points on piracy and armed robbery countermeasures, and to establish rapport and facilitate networking among senior officers from the ReCAAP Focal Points with key focus in sharing of inter-agency infor-

mation exchange processes.

A total of 22 officers from various ReCAAP Focal Points including a representative from the Malaysia Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) attended the meeting. The participants shared experience through the case study and discussion sessions.

The ReCAAP ISC is indebted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Thailand) and the Royal Thai Navy in co-hosting the meeting and the vast amount of support and commitments rendered.

Till we meet again next time, we shall stay connected and further enhance the operational cooperation. 'Kob Kun Mak'.



The Third ReCAAP Focal Point Senior Officers' Meeting, 25-27 August 2010, Phuket, Thailand



Welcome Dinner and Social Event at the Phuket FantaSea, hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand

cont....**ReCAAP Focal Point Senior Officers' Meeting 3/10**



Welcome Address by Dr Pornchai Governor (Thailand), also The Chairperson of ReCAAP ISC Governing Council



Opening Remarks by Vice Admiral Choomnoom Ard Wong, Commander, Third Naval Area Command, Royal Thai Navy



Presentation of Memento by Vice Admiral Choomnoom Ard Wong to ReCAAP ISC



Two speakers:  
(L) Mr Thongchai Chareonpol of Thai Attorney General office, and  
(R) Mr Sonoda of Asian Shipowners' Forum



Presentation of Memento to the ReCAAP ISC At the visit to the Third Naval Area Command, Royal Thai Navy

Of significance, the FPSOM 3/10 also incorporated the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Mr Endo, the Executive Director of ReCAAP ISC and Mr Sonoda, Secretary-General of Asian Shipowners' Forum (ASF). The MoU records the mutual understanding on joint co-operation in the area of information sharing and mutual support; and to institutionalise a platform for future collaboration, among others.

This is another step closer in our effort to work with the maritime industry and forge ahead. To this end, Dr. Pornchai, who delivered his Welcome Address at the meeting, underlined the need to emphasise on continuous engagement between the ReCAAP Focal Points and their local maritime industry.



Signing of MoU between the ReCAAP ISC and ASF



Meeting ended with a Visit to the Third Naval Area Command, Royal Thai Navy, with a lunch treat

## ReCAAP ISC's Ops Visit to Vietnam

An Ops visit to Vietnam was conducted on 7-8 July 2010 by a ReCAAP ISC team comprising ED-ISC, AD(O/I) and S(IT/Ops). The main purpose was to visit the Vietnam Marine Police's new Headquarters in Hanoi and Vung Tau Port, to better understand the factors affecting the incidents of piracy and armed robbery in Vietnam and identify areas for capacity building activities.

The first mission for the team was to call on Senior CAPT Hoang The Su, Governor (Vietnam) of the ReCAAP ISC Governing Council. Following that, the team visited the new office of ReCAAP Focal Point (Vietnam) and Information Network System (IFN) issues were discussed.



Senior CAPT Hoang The Su, Governor (Vietnam)



Meeting at the Focal Point (Vietnam), Vietnam Marine Police Headquarters in Hanoi

On the second day, the team visited Vung Tau Port and was briefed that the Maritime Administration of Vung Tau Port.



An overview of Vung Tau Port

Vung Tau Port is an important transit point for entry into the port of Ho Chi Minh as it serves as a ship holding area for pilots. It has another significant role now in supporting Vietnam's offshore oil industry.



Mind-engaging discussions held at the Office in Maritime Administration of Vung Tau



At the end of the two-day Ops Visit, the team obtained a good understanding of the nature of incidents that occurred in ports and anchorages Vung Tau Port, and gained an insight of challenges faced by the law enforcement agencies in dealing with post-incident investigations.

The ReCAAP ISC gives its heartfelt gratitude to the Governor (Vietnam) and Officers at the ReCAAP Focal Point (Vietnam) for their warm hospitality extended during the Ops Visit.

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**Mission**

To enhance regional cooperation through information sharing, capacity building and cooperative arrangements in combating piracy and armed robbery against ships.

**Vision**

To be the information hub for combating piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia.

**Values**

- Reliability
- excellence
- Cohesiveness
- Alertness
- Adaptability
- Professionalism
  
- Integrity
- Sustainability
- Commitment

**The Kingdom of the Netherlands joins the ReCAAP Network**

The Kingdom of the Netherlands becomes a Contracting Party to the ReCAAP on 3 July 2010. This is the second State after The Kingdom of Norway located outside Asia being a member to the ReCAAP network. To-date, there are 16 Contracting Parties to the ReCAAP. This reaffirms the multilateral efforts in addressing the issues and challenges in combating piracy and armed robbery against ships at sea in Asia.

To the Kingdom of the Netherlands, welcome aboard!



Flag Ceremony by ED-ISC

**Upcoming events up to January 2011**

**9-11 November 2010**

**The ReCAAP ISC Capacity Building Workshop (CBW) 4/10**

The CBW 4/10 will be held on 9-11 November 2010 at the York Hotel, Singapore. Broad programme includes: Situation Update by the ReCAAP ISC, Training Session on Information Network System (IFN); Presentations by representative from a Shipping Association and Maritime Security Task Force — Information Fusion Centre (MSTF-IFC); and a Team-building bonding activity. The workshop will end with visits to the Port Operations Control Centre (POCC2) of the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA), and NYK Ship Management.

ReCAAP Focal Points are requested to send two participants each. Registration closes on 8 October 2010.

**20 November 2010**

**Kingdom of Denmark joins the ReCAAP**

Following the announcement made at the 4th Governing Council Meeting, the Kingdom of Denmark officially notified the Depository (The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore) of the ReCAAP Agreement of its intention to accede to the Agreement. Subsequently, the Depository announced on 10 June 2010 that no written objection by any Contracting Party to the Agreement has been received within the 90 days provided for under Article 18.5 of the said Agreement. The Kingdom of Denmark has on 21 September 2010 deposited the instrument of accession with the Depository and will become a party to the Agreement on 20 November 2010.

**12 January 2011**

**The Nautical Forum 2/11**

Second time in its running, the Nautical Forum 2/11 will be held on 12 January 2011, at the STI Auditorium, Capital Tower in Singapore. The forum is aimed to engage and interact with the maritime industry and provide a platform to highlight some of the key trends and concerns presented in the ReCAAP ISC's Annual Report 2010.

Invitations are extended to the maritime industry, and admission is by invitation only.