

(For immediate release)

Visit of Mr Lim Ki Tack, Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization to the ReCAAP ISC on 29 August 2016

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), Mr Lim Ki Tack who is visiting Singapore as the Speaker for the *MPA Academy Distinguished Speaker Series¹: Future Plans and Vision for the IMO*, and to deliver the Keynote Address at the inaugural *International Safety@Sea Conference*, visited the ReCAAP ISC's Office on 29 August 2016 accompanied by Mr Andrew Tan, Chief Executive of Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore, had an hour meeting with Mr Kuroki, the Executive Director and his staff of the ReCAAP ISC. This is the fourth visit to the ReCAAP ISC made by Secretary-Generals of the IMO; the previous ones were made by the former Secretary-Generals, Mr Sekimizu on 28 September 2015 and 23 April 2012, and Mr E.E. Mitropoulos on 16 October 2008. Upon signing of Cooperative Arrangement on 4 December 2007 between the two maritime International Organisations, steady progress of cooperation between the two has since been made to-date. This visit further demonstrates the existing close cooperative relationship between the two.

The meeting covered wide ranging issues of mutual interest, among others, the update of situation of piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia including the improvement in the overall situation for the first seven months of 2016, the Future of the ReCAAP ISC as announced at the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the ReCAAP in March 2016, and cooperation between the two organisations.

In the course of the meeting, Mr Lim² commended the good achievement and steady development of the ReCAAP ISC in the past 10 years, which has contributed toward safer seas in Asia. He underscored the expectation of the maritime community has on the future of the ReCAAP ISC. He reaffirmed that the IMO would spare no efforts to continue extending its cooperation to the ReCAAP ISC.

Both of them concluded that the meeting was timely, useful and informative and the close cooperative relationship between the two shall continue.

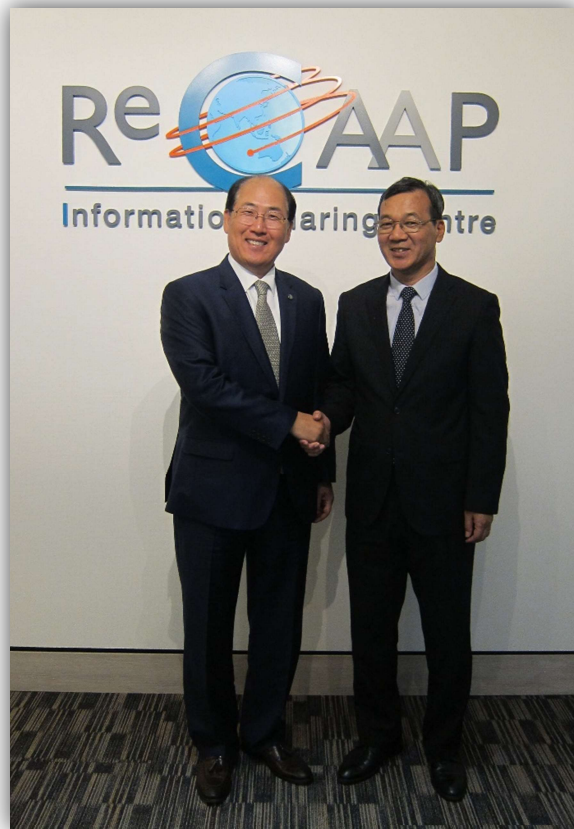
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¹ *MPA Academy Distinguished Speaker Series: Future Plans and Vision for the IMO*, organised by the MPA Academy, and the inaugural *International Safety@Sea Conference* are to be held on 30 and 31 August 2016 respectively in Singapore.

² Mr Kitack Lim was the ReCAAP ISC's Governor from the Republic of Korea for the period of 24 August 2009 – 2 March 2011.



Meeting in progress



IMO Secretary-General, Mr Lim Ki Tack (left), and ReCAAP ISC Executive Director, Mr Masafumi Kuroki (right)



Group photo of Meeting Attendees from IMO, ReCAAP ISC, and MPA