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MEG Final Report

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Maritime Experts Group (MEG) - Final Report

Summary Report to MEG for the Closing Plenary:

41 delegates, representing 17 economies, and the APEC Secretariat met at the TPTWG-45. Two APSN representatives also attended.

Projects Seeking Funding:

“Promoting Digital Innovation in the Port Industry in APEC economies to Promote Supply Chain Connectivity and Regional Integration” proposed by China, “Seafarer Excellence Training Network to advance Maritime Education and Training in the APEC Region” proposed by Korea, and “Workshop on Assessing and Managing Data to integrate APEC Port Community System” proposed by Peru were previously endorsed by the MEG. These projects are seeking fund from Session1 of funding process.

Ongoing, Proposed, and Relevant Projects and Activities:

1) Connectivity

In terms of connectivity, China made a presentation on a previously endorsed project “Promoting Digital Innovation in the Port Industry in APEC economies to Promote Supply Chain Connectivity and Regional Integration”.

Peru presented a previously endorsed project “Workshop on Assessing and Managing Data to integrate APEC Port Community System”. The MEG noted significance of them giving suggestions for better implementation.

Second, Japan updated the progress of ongoing project, “Promoting Cruise Industry in the APEC Region”, requesting for best practices so that the dedicated website will be developed.

Third, the APSN announced APEC Port Connectivity Forum to be held in November 2018 in Singapore.

2) Capacity Building

Korea presented the outcome of self-funded project, “Enhancing the Global Capacity of Seafarers in the APEC Region”, followed by an introduction of a new project, “Seafarer Excellence Training Network to advance Maritime Education and Training in the APEC Region”. The MEG acknowledged the significance of them.

Second, Japan presented about a project titled “APEC Training Course on Common Principles to Shipping Policy”. The MEG discussed about the potential agenda and made suggestions for the next training course hosted by Viet Nam.

3) Green Policy and Cargo Safety

The APSN provided the progress of the GPAS (Green Port Award System) implementation.

Second, Japan announced that an international workshop/seminar for “Prevention of Accidents in Dangerous Goods Transportation” will be held in November 2018 in Japan.

Economy Reports

The MEG welcomed economy reports from the following;

China reported on Review of 2017 International Maritime Policy in China.

Malaysia reported on Green Shipping Policy.

Thailand reported on Coastal Waterway Transportation Development in Thailand.

Election of the Chair

Dr. Motohisa Abe was re-elected as the MEG Chair, nominated by the United States and unanimously supported.

1. Introduction and Opening Remarks

Dr. Motohisa ABE (Japan), the Chair of the Maritime Experts Group (MEG) and Mr. Michael Brown (the United States) the Chair of the Security Sub Group (MEG-SEC) welcomed 41 delegates attending the meeting on 23 April 2018 – 24 April 2018, representing 17 economies:

1. Australia - 1
2. Canada - 1
3. China – 3
4. Hong Kong, China -2
5. Indonesia - 3
6. Japan – 3
7. Korea - 8
8. Malaysia - 1
9. Papua New Guinea – 2
10. Peru - 1
11. Philippines - 3
12. Russia - 1
13. Singapore – 1
14. Chinese Taipei 4
15. Thailand - 3
16. United States - 1
17. Viet Nam - 3

Two representatives from the APSN also attended.

2. Review of TPT-WG44 and Adoption of the Agenda

The Chair of the MEG reviewed the TPTWG 44 in Chinese Taipei, reconfirming that Sub-Groups can no longer meet on “right” basis. This was followed by the adoption of the Agenda of TPTWG 45 as presented.

3. Update on on-going Projects

Japan presented the progress of the two on-going projects, “Promoting Cruise Industry in the APEC Region” and “Prevention of Accidents in Dangerous Goods Transportation”.

As to the Cruise project, Japan presented examples of best practices and informed delegates that the development of the dedicated website will be completed by summer, requesting economies to provide relevant cases. The MEG noted the significance of the project.

Regarding the latter, Japan announced that an international workshop/seminar will be held in November 2018 in Japan. The MEG welcomed the presentation, requesting Japan to share more details of the events.

Korea introduced the outcome of the self-funded project “Enhancing the Global Capacity of Seafarers in the APEC Region”. An international seminar was held in Busan in October 2017, with participants from 10 APEC economies and 5 European countries,

where measures to develop and to enhance capacity of seafarers were discussed. The MEG noted these significant achievements.

4. Discussion on new projects

Korea presented on the previously endorsed project “Seafarer Excellence Training Network to advance Maritime Education and Training in the APEC Region” introducing its background, objective and workplan.

The MEG acknowledged the significance of the project and requested Korea to update the progress of the project for better implementation.

Japan presented about the “APEC Training Course on Common Principles to Shipping Policy”, under which training courses were held in 2011, 2014 and 2015. The MEG discussed about the potential agenda for the next training course hosted by Viet Nam. The MEG noted that Viet Nam and Japan would collaborate to develop a new concept note, considering interests by the host economy and the recent trends of the maritime sector. The MEG requested economies to provide inputs and interests.

Peru presented on the previously endorsed project “Workshop on Assessing and Managing Data to integrate APEC Port Community System” aiming at holding a workshop to share the concept and practice of an integrated information system. The MEG suggested that similar cases and studies in the past should be referred to for better implementation.

China introduced about the previously endorsed project “Promoting Digital Innovation in the Port Industry in APEC economies to Promote Supply Chain Connectivity and Regional Integration” with its background, objectives and methodology.

The MEG noted the significance of the project. The APSN expressed its willingness to support the project.

5. Economy Reports

The MEG welcomed economy reports from China, Malaysia, and Thailand.

China reported its international maritime policy including the current status of maritime market, Free Trade Zone development, The Belt and Road Initiative, Intelligent Shipping and the recent policy change in the supervision of shipping companies.

The MEG appreciated the informative presentation.

Malaysia presented on the recent efforts of Green Shipping Policy including the domestic energy efficiency strategy under GLOMEEP. Malaysia also outlined its Green Domestic Shipping Plan, including expected outcomes and issues discussed at the recent Green Shipping Conference.

The MEG appreciated the presentation and noted the significance of the green policy.

Thailand presented on Coastal Waterway Transportation Development, introducing its advantages in environmental performances, and recent Coastal Terminal Development Projects at Laem Chabang Port and Bangkok Port for modal shift. The MEG appreciated the information of the best practices.

6. Update on the recent activities (APEC Port Service Network)

APSN reported its recent activities and outcome including the workshop held in August 2017 in Ho Chi Minh, Viet Nam and the progress of the GPAS (Green Port Award System) implementation. In addition APEC Port Connectivity Forum to be held in November 2018 in Singapore was announced.

The MEG appreciated the presentation on the outcome.

7. Future activities

The Chair introduced the procedure for concept note endorsement and encouraged discussion on potential topics for the economy report session, illustrating topics such as green maritime policy and smart port development.

The Philippines expressed its intention to submit a new concept note and to make an economy report in the future TPTWG. Chinese Taipei also expressed its intention of presenting in the economy report session.

The MEG and the MEG-SEC confirmed that they will seek for an opportunity to hold the meetings separately in the TPTWG46 in Peru.

8. MEG-SEC Report

See Attachments.

9. Election of the Chair

Election of MEG chair was held as two years had passed since Dr. Motohisa Abe assumed the MEG Chair in 2016; the election was held at the end of Day 2. Dr. Motohisa Abe was re-elected as the MEG Chair, nominated by the United States and unanimously supported.

10. COMPLETED PROJECTS

None

ATTACHMENTS

- MEG-SEC Report
- MEG participants list

Summary Report from MEG-SEC to MEG for the Closing Plenary:

1. The MEG-SEC did not meet as a separate group but several security issues were discussed during the MEG meeting.
2. The MEG-SEC Chair provided an overview of recent and pending International Maritime Organization (IMO) and Organization of American States (OAS) activities. The IMO is holding a workshop in Ningbo, China on 23-27 July. They are also holding a port security workshop 11-13 June in London. The IMO has developed four security related courses including:
 - ISPS Code for Designated Authorities and Port Facility Security Officers
 - Self Assessments
 - Drills and Exercises
 - Training for Personnel with security dutiesThe IMO also recently held a workshop on the prevention of stowaways in Yaounde, Cameroon. It was also noted that at the upcoming Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) meeting there would be a validation of a revised model course for persons with security duties and consideration of the application of security measures to non ISPS Code vessels. The cyber risk management and piracy issues would likely be addressed. The OAS is conducting a series of workshops on supply chain security, drills and exercises, and developing maritime strategies. They are also looking at the creation of a network for port Facility Security Officers. The group agreed to invite representatives of the IMO and OAS to the next meeting.
3. The MEG-SEC Chair gave a presentation of Cyber Risk Management and suggested that a Concept Note might be developed to assist economies in the implementation of the IMO guidelines for cyber risk management. The group agreed that this was an area worth pursuing. The US would begin work and present for discussion at the meeting in Peru.
4. At the last MEG-SEC meeting, Papua New Guinea proposed conducting a study of vessel less than 500 tons to gauge the extent of activity with a view towards identifying whether a follow-on project to address the security risk such vessel pose should be considered. The group agreed that a concept notes for the project could be developed for further consideration at the next meeting in Peru.
5. The Philippines noted that they intended to re-submit their Concept Note regarding mutual visits.



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