



**Asia-Pacific
Economic Cooperation**

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Agenda Item: 2.6

APEC for Seafarers Excellence Network Maritime English Communication Package

Purpose: Information

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Asia-Pacific
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Advancing
Free Trade for Asia-Pacific
Prosperity

APEC SEN Maritime English Communication Package

APEC SEN Secretariat

1. Project Outline



Project Title

APEC SEN Maritime English
Communication Package

Proposing APEC Economy

Republic of Korea

Co-Sponsoring Economies

Australia; Canada; China; Indonesia; Malaysia; Mexico; Philippines;
Chinese Taipei; Thailand; Viet Nam

Expected Start Date and Completion Date

April 2020 - Oct 2020

Total Cost of Proposal

USD 50,000 (Self-funded)

2. Backgrounds



Practical actions for seafarers onboard multicultural and/or multilingual ships

- **Relieve cultural conflicts and adjustment via capacity building**
- **Create a harmonious and cooperative working environment across cultures**
- **Promote seafarers' labor mobility and job transitions in the global shipping market via enhanced language capabilities**

The provision of systematic assistance for enhanced intercultural communication onboard ships

- **Collaborative research for establishing the concrete goal of maritime English communication under APEC umbrella**

2. Aim

The systematic design of APEC SEN Maritime English Communication Packages

**Ultimately for up- and re-skilling of seafarers
to increase their employability, mobility and preparedness
for the future shipping industry where globalization is expected to
further accelerate**

- Gap analysis of maritime English education and training programs currently conducted in each economy
- Analysis of best-practices for maritime English education and training for the design of mutually harmonised and coordinated language training program for seafarers
- Design of systematic APEC SEN Maritime English Communication Packages

3. Work Plan



Phrase 1 Apr 2020

Start of Discussion in APEC SEN Expert Group and Steering Council

Phrase 2 Sep 2020

Research draft to be produced

Phrase 3 Oct 2020

Draft to be reviewed in APEC SEN Expert Group and Steering Council

Phrase 4 Dec 2021

Final report

4. Output



Preliminary research on the feasibility

The systematic design of APEC SEN Maritime English Communication Packages

- Textbooks
- Audio-lingual materials
- Online/mobile life-long learning platform
- Testing aids.

Thank you!



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