

Minutes of the 9th Port Area Security Advisory Committee
Meeting held at 10:30 hours on 28 June 2007

Present :

Mr. Francis LIU	Chairman
Mr. Adam LAI	Vice Chairman
Mr. Ernest FUNG	Bulk Industry
(on behalf of Ms. Fanny LAM)	
Mr. Jason TSANG	Hong Kong Container Terminal Operators Association
Capt. Michiya SHIRAIISHI	Hong Kong Liner Shipping Association
Mr. Eddy MA	Hongkong International Terminals
Mr. Peter OR and Mr. K. W. KWAN	Ocean Terminal
(on behalf of Mr. K. C. LEUNG)	
Ms. Flora LAU	Oil Industry OIRC Member
(on behalf of Mr. C.M. KU)	
Mr. Darwin TANG	River Trade Terminal
Mr. Andy WONG	Ship Repairs Industry
Mr. K. T. IP	Ship Repairs Industry
Mr. Terry FUNG	Hong Kong Police
Mr. Maurice WONG	Hong Kong Police
Mr. Raymond CHUNG	Marine Department
Mr. W.H. WONG	Marine Department
Mr. Frankie LAM	Secretary

Absent with Apologies:

Mr. Ian TANG	Oil Industry Non-OIRC Member
Mr. H. K. LEUNG	Marine Department
Mr. L. Y. BUTT	Marine Department

1. Open of Meeting

- 1.1 The Chairman welcomed all to the ninth meeting of the Port Area Security Advisory Committee (PASAC), especially to Mr. Ernest FUNG, Mr. Peter OR and Ms. Flora LAU who attended the meeting for the first time.
- 1.2 The Chairman also reminded Members on the formality of declaration of interest. No declaration was made by Members at the meeting.

2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

There were no amendments received and no further comments raised in the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

3. Matters Arising from Last Meeting

- 3.1 As a follow-up on PASAC Paper No. 1/06 – Guidelines on Training and Certification for the Port Facility Security Officers (PFSOs) endorsed by Members in the last meeting, the Chairman invited Mr. Frankie LAM (Secretary) to present PASAC Paper No. 1/07 – Training and Certification of Port Facility Security Officers. Mr. LAM reported the progress in implementing the proposals and briefed Members on the validity of PFSO qualification and the keeping of records of recognized PFSOs.
- 3.2 For students of previous PFSO training courses, i.e. courses conducted before the implementation of IMO MSC Circular No. 1188 in Hong Kong, 53 students had been recognized which amounted to about 50% of total students attending the courses. The Chairman sought assistance from Members in passing the information about the recognition requirements and procedures to students who had attended the courses but were no longer employed by their companies.
- 3.3 Mr. Eddy MA (Hongkong International Terminals) asked whether facility operators could apply for PFSO recognition for their staff. Mr. W.H. WONG (MD) responded in the affirmative. Mr. WONG

added that for the approved PFSO courses conducted in 2007 and onward, qualification recognition would not be required.

- 3.4 Mr. Jason TSANG (Hong Kong Containers Terminal Operators Association) enquired about the automatic extension of validity of PFSO qualification. Mr. W.H. WONG (MD) clarified that the validity of a PFSO qualification would be extended automatically for persons who had been in-service as PFSOs or deputy PFSOs for at least 12 months in the preceding 5-year period. The service needed not be consecutive.
- 3.5 The Chairman asked whether there was any need for the proof of qualification for new appointment of PFSO and Mr. W.H. WONG (MD) responded that the facility operator had to provide documentary proof of qualification of the PFSO to be appointed when requested. Also, the qualification of a person being appointed would be checked against MD's record of recognized PFSOs.
- 3.6 Mr. Andy WONG (Ship Repairs Industry) enquired how a PFSO certificate holder who had not been working in the capacity of PFSO or deputy PFSO for 5 years could re-validate the qualification. Mr. W.H. WONG (MD) responded that in this case such person had to attend a PFSO training course again.

Items for Discussion

4. PASAC Paper No. 2/07 – Port Facility Security Initiatives

- 4.1 Mr. W.H. WONG (MD) presented the paper and sought support from Members in implementing the initiatives on further enhancing partnership between the Government and port facility operators; active participation by the Government in port facility security exercises; and improving the training of port facility security personnel.
- 4.2 Mr. M. SHIRAIISHI (Hong Kong Liner Shipping Association) expressed that he would approach his association members – shipping lines that might have interest in ship/port exercises with police. In fact, NYK Line had participated in a joint anti-terrorist exercise with police. Mr. W.H. WONG (MD) thanked the shipping

lines for the support and cooperation. He added that the Government would seek chances to hold joint exercises with port facility operators and there might be some joint exercises to be held in late 2007.

4.3 Mr. Raymond CHUNG (MD) raised that the Government and port facility operators could also focus on areas such as update knowledge on aspects of security, new technology, ways to raise security awareness and any further initiatives. Mr. CHUNG also suggested that if there was any regular communication forum among port facility operators, MD could also participate if the operators thought that it would be appropriate.

4.4 Mr. CHUNG expressed that although Part B of the ISPS Code was not mandatory, the international trend was to observe and implement Part B in addition to Part A. MD would exchange views in this respect with the industry.

4.5 Mr. M. SHIRAIISHI (Hong Kong Liner Shipping Association) said members of his association often held meetings to discuss security, supply chain and other issues. Mr. Jason TSANG (Hong Kong Container Terminal Operators Association) said that the container terminal operators had regular meetings and would consider inviting MD to participate.

5. PASAC Paper No. 3 – Designation of Port Facility, China Merchants Wharf at Kennedy Town, Hong Kong

The Chairman invited Mr. Frankie LAM (Secretary) to present the paper. Mr. LAM informed Members the progress on a newly designated port facility – China Merchants Wharf at Kennedy Town, Hong Kong the designation of which was gazetted on 1 June 2007.

Any Other Business

6. On behalf of Chief, Marine Accident Investigation and Ship Security Policy, Mr. Frankie LAM (Secretary) briefed Members on the Port State Control inspection statistics on maritime security for the period from 1 October 2006 to 31 May 2007 during which a total of 376 ships were inspected and no ships were detained due to security deficiencies.

7. There being no other business, the meeting closed at 1130 hrs.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The date of next meeting would be advised in due course.