

Minutes of the 10th Port Area Security Advisory Committee
Meeting held at 10:30 hours on 13 June 2008

Present :

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| Mr. Francis LIU | Chairman |
| Mr. Y. K. LEE | Vice Chairman |
| Mr. Joe LAU | 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 | Hong Kong Container Terminal Operators Association |
| Mr. Michael LAU and Mr. K. W. KWAN | Ocean Terminal |
| (on behalf of Mr. K. C. LEUNG) | |
| Mr. C. M. KU | Oil Industry OIRC Member |
| Mr. K. K. LEE | Oil Industry Non-OIRC Member |
| (on behalf of Mr. Ian TANG) | |
| Mr. Darwin TANG | River Trade Terminal |
| Mr. Wilson PANG | Ship Repairs Industry |
| (on behalf of Mr. Andy WONG) | |
| Mr. K. T. IP | Ship Repairs Industry |
| Mr. Barry CHEUNG | Hong Kong Police |
| (on behalf of Mr. Terry FUNG) | |
| Mr. Maurice WONG | Hong Kong Police |
| Mr. Raymond CHUNG | Marine Department |
| Mr. Adam LAI | Marine Department |
| Mr. S. C. LEUNG | Marine Department |
| Mr. Frankie LAM | Secretary |

Absent with Apologies:

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| Mr. H. K. LEUNG | Marine Department |
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1. Open of Meeting

- 1.1 The Chairman welcomed all to the tenth meeting of the Port Area Security Advisory Committee (PASAC), especially to Messrs. Joe LAU, Michael LAU, K. K. LEE, Wilson PANG, Barry CHEUNG and S. C. LEUNG who attended the meeting for the first time.
- 1.2 As a matter of formality, the Chairman also invited Members to declare their interests if any. No declaration was made by Members at the meeting.

2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Secretary reported that one additional minor comment had been received and the revised draft minutes of the last meeting were despatched to Members. Members raised no further comments at the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

3. Matters Arising from the Last Meeting

- 3.1 As a follow up on PASAC Paper No. 2/07 – Port Facility Security Initiatives, the Chairman said that the joint exercise initially scheduled for late 2007 had been postponed to this year. He further said that liaison with a port facility was being made for the planning of the exercise to be conducted in the coming September. Members would be informed of the outcome for reference and for the purpose of experience sharing.
- 3.2 Capt. M. SHIRAIISHI (Hong Kong Liner Shipping Association) (HKLSA) requested to be informed of the date of the exercise in case it would affect berthed ship(s). Mr. Adam LAI (Marine Department) (MD) commented that ISPS exercises conducted by port facilities were mainly concerned with the training of the port facilities' security personnel. Given the interest indicated, the HKLSA would be accordingly informed once the exercise scenario was fixed.
- 3.3 Capt. M. SHIRAIISHI also enquired whether the HKLSA could send

members to observe the conduction of the exercise. The Chairman replied that due to the confidentiality of security arrangements of the port facility concerned, prior agreement from the Port Facility Security Officer (PFSO) had to be sought.

- 3.4 The Chairman informed Members that in 2007, one of the port facilities had installed the electric fencing alarm system in 2007 which was a new technology used at the perimeter fencing in addition to the barbed wires to enhance security. It was good practice for a Member to share this with other Members.
- 3.5 The Chairman also said that communication channels between MD and port facility operators were always opened on security related issues. In case MD was invited to provide input in security related meetings, MD would endeavour to assist.
- 3.6 As a follow up on PASAC Paper No. 3/07 – The Port Facility Security Plan of the China Merchants Wharf at Kennedy Town, the Chairman said that the Plan had been approved in February 2008 and the first cruise vessel berthed at the wharf in late February 2008.

Items for Discussion

4. PASAC Paper No. 1/08 – Port Security Appeals reached in the World Ports Summit held on 11-12 March 2008

- 4.1 Mr. Frankie LAM (MD) presented the paper. He requested Members to note the appeals in respect of port security and collaborate with relevant parties with a view to enhancing port security. On one of these appeals – Supports the development and general principles of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Port Services Network (APSN), Mr. LAM explained the major functions of the APSN to Members. He also said that all the discussion papers presented in the World Ports Summit had been placed on MD's website and the link would be provided to Members after the meeting.

[Post-meeting notes: The link for the World Ports Summit was sent to Members in the afternoon on 13 June 2008]

4.2 Mr. Adam LAI (MD) supplemented that in addition to port security, the themes of the World Ports Summit also included port safety and environmental protection. He also advised Members that the APSN was an APEC initiative proposed by China, and development of the APSN was still in progress. Members would be kept informed of further development in due course.

5. PASAC Paper No. 2/08 – APEC Manual of Maritime Security Drills and Exercises for Port Facilities (Manual)

5.1 Mr. Adam LAI (MD) presented the paper. He briefed members on the background and the concept behind the development of the Manual. He requested Members to note the approval of the Manual, support the distribution of the Manual to the port facilities for their reference and provide feedback in due course so that consideration might be given to making suggestion to the APEC Transport Working Group for further improvement of the Manual.

5.2 Mr. C. M. KU (Oil Industry OIRC Member) asked whether the Manual would become a standard requirement for ISPS drills and exercises and the types and format of reports contained therein had to be followed. Mr. LAI explained that the Manual was mainly for reference and might be used flexibly. The reports mentioned in the Manual were for the port facilities to record, as the facilities' internal documentation, the conduction of drills and exercises. The reports shown in the Manual were not intended to be used for the purpose of making reports to the Designated Authority.

5.3 Members unanimously agreed that the Manual should be distributed to the port facilities for their reference.

[Post-meeting notes: the secretary distributed soft copy of the Manual to all PFSOs in the afternoon on 16 June 2008]

6. Change of Sector Nomenclature – ‘Ocean Terminal’ to ‘Cruise Terminals’

Mr. Frankie LAM (MD) explained that with the China Merchants Wharf at Kennedy Town becoming a cruise terminal since February this year, the nomenclature of the ‘Ocean Terminal’ had to be changed to ‘Cruise Terminals’ sector. Mr. LAM further said that he had coordinated with the

PFSOs of these two port facilities in May and they reached consensus that a representative from Ocean Terminal would represent this sector. Mr. Adam LAI (MD) added that adopting the term ‘Cruise Terminals’ would tie in with the new cruise terminal at South-east Kowloon within several years.

7. ISPS Seminar to be held on 25 June 2008 for PFSOs

Mr. S. C. LEUNG (MD) informed Members that an ISPS seminar had been scheduled to be held on 25 June 2008. The key departments including Customs & Excise Department, Immigration Department, Hong Kong Police Force and MD would give presentations on security related topics and the seminar would also have a session on experience sharing and open discussions. All stakeholders were invited to attend. He said that Members and all PFSOs would be notified about the details of the seminar next week.

[Post-meeting notes: The date, time, venue and other details of the seminar were advised to all PFSOs and Members on 16 and 17 June 2008 respectively. Due to the passage of typhoon “Feng Shen”, the seminar was postponed to be held on 11 July 2008.]

8. Dynamics of Maritime Counter Terrorism Course and other Security Courses

Mr. Frankie LAM (MD) provided information about a security consultant – the W.A.S. Security from the United States of America for Members’ reference. He said that the W.A.S. Security was a security related courses provider. For details, Members could visit its website.

[Post-meeting notes: The link was sent to members in the afternoon on 13.6.2008]

9. Port State Control Inspection on Maritime Security in the Past Year

Mr. S. C. LEUNG (MD) briefed Members that for the period from 1 June 2007 to 31 May 2008, 696 ships were inspected on maritime security during the port state control inspections, and no ship had been detained due to security deficiencies. Mr. C. M. KU (Oil Industry OIRC Member) enquired whether there were any gaps between the security on board ships

and that of port facilities. Mr. Adam LAI responded that the relevant MD officer needed to be consulted, and if deemed appropriate a summary would be prepared and provided to Members for reference.

Any Other Business

10. The Chairman said that as Members' new term of office would commence on 3 July 2008, this would be the last meeting for Members' current term of office. He thanked Members for their contributions in the past two years. He also informed Members that out of the ten Members from various sectors, eight Members were re-nominated.

11. There being no other business, the meeting closed at 1130 hours.

Date of Next Meeting

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