

**Minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> Port Area Security Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting held at 1100 hours on 15 January 2015**

**Present:**

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| Mr. Ivan H.M. TUNG           | Chairman   |
| Mr. S.M. CHUNG               | Vice Chairman                                      |
| Mr. Kenny WONG               | Bulk Industry                                      |
| Mr. Ryan LI                  | Cruise Terminals                                   |
| Mr. Jason TSANG              | Hong Kong Container Terminal Operators Association |
| Mr. Larry, YANG LI           | Hong Kong Container Terminal Operators Association |
| Mr. Alex KWONG               | Hong Kong Liner Shipping Association               |
| Mr. LAM Bun                  | Oil Industry (Non-OIRC Member)                     |
| Mr. Kevin CHAN               | Oil Industry (OIRC Member)                         |
| Mr. Sammy HO                 | River Trade Terminal                               |
| Mr. C.H. LUK                 | Ship Repairs Industry                              |
| Mr. Wilson PANG              | Ship Repairs Industry                              |
| (on-behalf of Mr. Andy WONG) |  |
| Mr. Thomas WONG              | Hong Kong Police (HKP)                             |
| Mr. Barry CHEUNG             | Hong Kong Police (HKP)                             |
| Mr. W.H. WONG                | Marine Department (MD)                             |
| Mr. Adrian CHAN              | Marine Department (MD)                             |
| Mr. S.M. TSUI                | Marine Department (MD)                             |
| (on-behalf of Mr. Simon TSE) |  |
| Mr. Frankie LAM              | Secretary (MD)                                     |

**In attendance:**

|                   |                            |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Mr. Michael LEUNG | Ocean Terminal             |
| Ms. Bonnie WONG   | Worldwide Cruise Terminals |
| Ms. Judy MA       | HKP                        |

**1. Opening of Meeting**

**The Chairman** welcomed all to the 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Port Area Security Advisory Committee (PASAC). He said this was the first meeting held after the new term of the PASAC (July 2014 – July 2016) and he would like to introduce the following new comers to the meeting :

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| Mr. Kenny WONG                                | Bulk Industry           |
| Mr. Ryan LI<br>Ms. Bonnie WONG (As attendant) | Cruise Terminals        |
| Mr. LAM Bun                                   | Oil Industry (Non-OIRC) |
| Mr. Sammy HO                                  | River Trade Terminal    |
| Mr. C.H. LUK                                  | Ship Repairs Industry   |
| Ms. Judy MA, Senior Inspector                 | HKP                     |
| Mr. S.M. CHUNG, AD/PAS,<br>Vice-Chairman      | MD                      |
| Mr. Adrian CHAN, GM/PD&PS(Ag.)                | MD                      |
| Mr. S.M. TSUI, SS/PSC                         | MD                      |
| Mr. Frankie LAM, SMO/PSA                      | MD                      |

## 2. Confirmation of the minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 20 March 2014

As no comment had been received, the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

## 3. Matters arising from last meeting

### 3.1 Participation in international fora on maritime and port security

3.1.1 **The Chairman** informed Members that MD officers had attended the 39<sup>th</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Economy Cooperation (APEC) Transportation Working Group (TPT-WG) Meetings in 2014, and invited the Secretary to report MD's participation.

3.1.2 **Mr. Frankie LAM** presented PASAC Paper No. 1/2015. The paper reported that MD's representatives had attended the 39<sup>th</sup> APEC TPT-WG Meeting held in end March till early April 2014 in Christchurch City, New Zealand; and the 40<sup>th</sup> TPT-WG Meeting held in August 2014 in Hong Kong. **Mr. Frankie LAM** then introduced various proposals

and new projects discussed during the two meetings, in particular, the hosting of maritime security related workshops by various economies in 2014/2015, with a view to promoting and strengthening maritime security in the APEC region.

### 3.2 Port State Control (PSC) inspection on ship security

3.2.1 **Mr. S.M. TSUI** informed Members that 736 vessels were inspected in 2014, and 30 vessels were inspected on ship security during the first half month of January 2015. During these two periods, there was no detention due to security deficiency.

### 3.3 Drills & Exercises Workshop in 2014

3.3.1 **Mr. Frankie LAM** informed Members that the Workshop funded by APEC was approved in December 2014. Held at the Mariners' Club in Hong Kong from December 16 to 19, 2014, the Workshop was jointly organized by the APEC, the International Maritime Organization and MD.

3.3.2 **Mr. Frankie LAM** added that the security personnel of the port facilities in Hong Kong, and colleagues coming from relevant departments such as the Hong Kong Police Force, Immigration and Marine Department, made up a total of 32 persons, attended the Workshop. **Mr. Frankie LAM** further pointed out that the contents of the Workshop included concept of drills & exercises, exercise planning, and conduct of table-top exercises. The general feedback from attendees were positive in particular, they could apply what they learned in the Workshop in their security exercises in future.

3.3.3 **Mr. S.M. CHUNG** added that the Workshop also aimed to refresh the security alertness and awareness of the security personnel of port facilities, and to provide a good opportunity for security personnel coming from various port facilities to exchange views on security issues. Noting that only 21 out of 28 port facility operators had sent staff to attend the Workshop, **Mr. S.M. CHUNG** encouraged all port facility operators to send staff to attend similar security workshop(s) in

future.

#### 4. New items

##### 4.1 Global terrorist situation and terrorist threat to Hong Kong

4.1.1 **Ms. Judy MA** made a powerpoint presentation on the Global terrorist situation and terrorist threat to Hong Kong. **Ms. Judy MA** presented the overview of terrorist situation worldwide, which included the introduction of some major terrorist groups such as the Al Qaeda (AQ) in Afghanistan and Pakistan; and the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (IS) based in Iraq and Syria, which was an even more violent group detached from AQ. **Ms. Judy MA** went on mentioning the world-wide number of attacks made by various terrorist groups and the number of casualties in 2012 and 2013 as follows :

| Year            | No. of attacks | No. of casualties |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 2012            | 6771           | 32790             |
| 2013            | 9707           | 50468             |
| Yearly Increase | 43%            | 54%               |

4.1.2 **Ms. Judy MA** also quoted examples of terrorist attacks including the most recent Charlie Hebdo attack in France, in which 12 victims lost their lives with AQ in the Arabian Peninsula claimed to be responsible.

4.1.3 **Ms. Judy MA** said the main objectives of the terrorist groups were to fight against western interests and secure monetary resources to support their on-going activities.

4.1.4 Regarding terrorist threat to Hong Kong, **Ms. Judy MA** said Hong Kong is an international city with large number of visitors, frequent air flights and large volume of cargo throughput. In addition, there were 59 Consulate General and 63 Consulates in Hong Kong. These factors made Hong Kong a potential target.

4.1.5 **Ms. Judy MA** also introduced the maritime choke points of terrorist attack world-wide such as the Malacca Strait, the Panama Canal, the Suez Canal and the Strait of Hormuz. There were 178 pirate attacks in

2013, among which 11 Hong Kong Flag vessels were involved and 58% of these attacks happened in Southeast Asia.

4.1.6 **Ms. Judy MA** advised that the threat level of Hong Kong was moderate, i.e. MARSEC Level 1 as advised by the Designated Authority. However, it should be aware that there was no specific indication of a terrorist attack in advance, and a single terrorist attack in Hong Kong might be unbearable. Thus, information exchange between port facilities and relevant agencies was essential, and implementation of preventive security measures was important.

#### 4.2 Joint drills and exercises conducted by port facilities and HKP in 2014

4.2.1 **Mr. Barry CHEUNG** briefed Members on the joint security exercises conducted by port facilities and HKP in 2014.

4.2.2. **Mr. Barry CHEUNG** said that the Marine Region had endeavoured to engage the community through conducting ISPS facility security audits, emergency exercise and joint exercises with port facilities. The breakdown in 2014 was as follows :

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| No. of ISPS Audits                          | 27 out of a total of 28 |
| No. of Emergency Exercises conducted by HKP | 104                     |
| No. of Joint Exercises with port facilities | 6                       |

4.2.3 **Mr. Barry CHEUNG** pointed out that the foregoing audits and exercises would help the Marine Region to play the primary law enforcement role to contain and counteract the criminal activities against the port facilities.

4.2.4 **Mr. S.M. CHUNG** opined that any port facilities that had not conducted joint exercise might liaise with HKP.

## 5. Any other business

### 5.1 Inter-departmental exercise plan for 2015

5.1.1 **Mr. Frankie LAM** briefed Members that MD aimed to conduct an

inter-departmental exercise in 2015. Given Customs & Excise (C&ED) and Immigration Department (IMMD) were not members of the PASAC, the exercise plan involving relevant departments including C&ED, IMMD, HKP and MD would be discussed in the coming Port Facility Security Working Group meeting. Once the plan was finalized, Members would be updated accordingly. **Mr. S.M. CHUNG** added that certain port facilities might be invited to join the planned exercise.

[Post-meeting notes: MD planned to conduct an exercise on inter-departmental emergency response to a security incident happened at one of the port facilities in HK in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2015.]

**6. Date of next meeting**

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

**7. Closing**

The meeting closed at 1200 hrs.