

Minutes of the 18th Port Area Security Advisory Committee
Meeting held at 1100 hours on 14 January 2016

Present:

Mr. Ivan H.M. TUNG	Chairman
Mr. F.L. CHEUK	Vice-Chairman
Mr. Ryan LI	Cruise Terminals
Mr. Jason TSANG	HK Container Terminal Operators Association
Mr. Larry YANG	HK Container Terminal Operators Association
Mr. Oliver CHAN	HK Liner Shipping Association
Mr. LAM Bun	Oil Industry (Non-OIRC Member)
Mr. Kevin CHAN	Oil Industry (OIRC Member)
Mr. Percy LAW (on behalf of Mr. Sammy HO)	River Trade Terminal
Mr. C.H. LUK	Ship Repairs Industry
Mr. Corro NG (on behalf of Mr. Andy WONG)	Ship Repairs Industry
Mr. Kelvin NG	Hong Kong Police (HKP)
Mr. Clive WALTON	Hong Kong Police (HKP)
Mr. W.H. WONG	Marine Department (MD)
Mr. C.M. CHAU	Marine Department (MD)
Mr. G.R. YE (on behalf of Mr. W.H. HO)	Marine Department (MD)
Mr. Frankie LAM	Secretariat (MD)

In attendance:

Mr. Philip TSANG	Cruise Terminals
Ms. Bonnie WONG	Cruise Terminals
Mr. M.K. CHUNG	Oil Industry (Non-OIRC Member)
Ms. Amy LAU	Hong Kong Police (HKP)

Mr. Simon HO Marine Department (MD)

Ms. Ann KWOK Marine Department (MD)

Absent with apology:

Mr. Kenny WONG Bulk Industry

1. Opening of Meeting

1.1 **The Chairman** welcomed all to the 18th meeting of the Port Area Security Advisory Committee (PASAC). He would like to introduce the following new comers to the meeting:

Mr. Philip TSANG	Cruise Terminals
Mr. M.K. CHUNG	Oil Industry (Non-OIRC)
Mr. Percy LAW	River Trade Terminal
Mr. Corro NG	Ship Repairs Industry
Mr. Kelvin NG, SP/CTIS/OPS (Ag.)	HKP
Mr. Clive WALTON, SP/OPS/MAR (Ag.)	HKP
Ms. Amy LAU, SIP/Security Wing	HKP
Mr. F.L. CHEUK, AD/PAS (Ag.), Vice-Chairman	MD
Mr. C.M. CHAU, GM/PD&PS	MD
Mr. G.R. YE, S/MAI(1), on behalf of Mr. W.H. HO	MD
Mr. Simon HO, SMO/SAR	MD
Ms. Ann KWOK, EO/PAS&PC(2)	MD

1.2 **The Chairman** announced that **Mr. Simon HO** would relieve **Mr. Frankie LAM** upon his retirement on 25 January 2016 and appreciated **Mr. Frankie LAM** for his effort and contribution for the PASAC.

2. Confirmation of the minutes of the 17th Meeting held on 15 January 2015

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

3. Matters arising from last meeting

3.1 Global terrorist situation and terrorist threat to Hong Kong

3.1.1 Ms. Amy LAU made a power point presentation on the global terrorist situation and terrorist threat to Hong Kong. Ms. Amy LAU presented the overview of terrorist situation worldwide, which included the introduction of some major terrorist groups such as the Al Qaeda (AQ), which always targeted transportation and infrastructure; and the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) based in Iraq and Syria. She also mentioned the world-wide number of attacks made by various terrorist groups that was increased sharply from 9,964 in 2013 to around 13,000 in 2014 with about 31% yearly increase; and the number of casualties increased by 32% from 50,946 in 2013 to over 67,000 in 2014.

3.1.2 Ms. Amy LAU further mentioned that the problem of foreign fighters and self-radicalization had been intensified. As some of the Foreign Fighters might have western passports and could access to Hong Kong, they could take this advantage to come to Hong Kong to procure materials, spread extremist ideology or target our infrastructure etc. For self-radicalization, ISIL kept spreading extremist ideology online and via the Internet and there were several serious terrorist attacks conducted by individuals in France and Australia, so it was still one of the biggest problems for terrorist attack.

3.1.3 Concerning marine terrorist threats, Ms. Amy LAU said that 50,000 large ships could carry 80% of world trade cargo and 60% of the world's oil was transported by oil tankers. Destruction of the supply system and chain would seriously affect the oil supply worldwide. These factors made sea transport a potential target.

3.1.4 Ms. Amy LAU also introduced the maritime choke points of terrorist attack world-wide such as the Malacca Strait and the Panama Canal etc. There were 190 pirate attacks in 2014, among which 18 Hong Kong Flag vessels were involved and 63% of these attacks happened in Southeast Asia. In 2012 and 2014, AQ published a magazine to call on terrorist attacks on the infrastructures, cargo ships and oil tankers etc.

3.1.5 **Ms. Amy LAU** further mentioned that the common maritime attacks for ships were suicide boat, bomb planting and hijacking. Apart from ship attacks, there were 2 reports on port attacks in 2013 and 2015.

3.1.6 Regarding terrorist threat to Hong Kong, **Ms. Amy LAU** advised that the threat level of Hong Kong was moderate. However, concerning the global terrorist situation, information exchange between port facilities and HKP was essential for preventing terrorist attacks in Hong Kong water.

3.2 **PASAC Paper No.1/2016 – Participation in international forum on maritime and port security**

3.2.1 **Mr. Frankie LAM** presented PASAC Paper No. 1/2016. The paper reported that MD's representatives had attended the 41st APEC TPT-WG Meeting held in end of May 2015 in Jeju, the Republic of Korea. **Mr. Frankie LAM** then introduced various projects (e.g. Port Security Legislative Workshop and Port Security Risk Assessment Tool Workshop) discussed during the meeting, in particular, the IMO's focus on maritime cyber security. **Mr. Frankie LAM** also informed that the result of the Advanced Maritime Security Drills and Exercises Workshop jointly organized by APEC, IMO and MD in December 2014, was presented by MD's representative in the meeting.

3.2.2 **Mr. Kelvin NG** opined that operators could contact HKP or himself if there was an operational need concerning maritime cyber security.

3.3 **Port State Control Inspection on Ship Security**

3.3.1 **Mr. G.R. YE** informed Members that 697 vessels were inspected in 2015 and 16 vessels were inspected on ship security during 1 to 7 January 2016. During these two periods, there was no detention due to security deficiency.

3.3.2 In response to **Mr. Ryan LI**'s enquiry, **Mr. G.R. YE** pointed out that cruise ships among other ship types were included in those inspections.

3.4 **Joint drills and exercises conducted by port facilities and HKP in 2015**

3.4.1 **Mr. Clive WALTON** made a power point presentation on the joint drills and exercises conducted by port facilities and HKP in 2015. **Mr. Clive WALTON** said that the Marine Region had endeavored to engage the community through assisting MD in conducting ISPS facility audits, emergency exercise and joint exercises. The breakdown in 2015 was as follows:

No. of ISPS Audits	27
No. of Emergency Exercises conducted by HKP	85
No. of Joint Exercises with port facilities	11

Samples of the joint exercises were the Kwai Chung Counter Terrorist Exercise, the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal Exercise and the Town Gas Wharf - Tolo Harbour.

3.4.2 **Mr. Clive WALTON** pointed out the main aims of the joint drills and exercise was to test the response from different units, e.g. Marine Police & Land Formations, Counter Terrorist Response Unit, and to maintain good level of co-operation with port facilities and different police units.

3.5 **Inter-departmental exercise in 2015**

3.5.1 **Mr. Frankie LAM** informed members that the inter-departmental exercise involving Customs & Excise, Immigration Department, HKP and MD originally scheduled in the 2nd half of 2015 was replaced by the territory wide inter-departmental counter terrorism (CT) exercise conducted by the Security Bureau on 2 to 13 November 2015. The Port Facility Security Working Group (PFSWG) held in October 2015 agreed to utilize the CT exercise to fulfill the committed exercise discussed in the last PASAC Meeting.

3.5.2 **Mr. Frankie LAM** mentioned that the PFSWG agreed to conduct a security exercise which would only involve member departments of the PFSWG to test emergency communication protocol among them in 2016.

4. New items

4.1 Liaison meetings conducted by Marine Police (MARPOL) for port facility security officers (PFSOs)

4.1.1 **Mr. Frankie LAM** informed that no ISPS seminar was held in 2013 and the liaison meetings was held by Marine Port District of MARPOL in May 2014 and February 2015 for presenting global terrorism trends and threats to Hong Kong and discussing port facility security operation and exercise issues.

4.1.2 **Mr. Frankie LAM** said that as members of the PFSWG agreed that ISPS related issues could be discussed in these liaison meetings and the functions performed by previous ISPS seminars would practically be achieved through the liaison meetings in future. Since no comment was received from members, the new arrangement was accepted and MD would coordinate all PFSOs to attend these meetings in future.

5. Any other business

5.1 Cyber security seminar conducted by HKP for PFSOs on 23 November 2015

5.1.1 **Mr. Frankie LAM** mentioned that the Cyber Security and Technology Crime Bureau of HKP had conducted a cyber-security seminar on 23 November 2015 for all PFSOs. The work of the Bureau to the attendants, i.e. the provision of services of cyber security centre, E-security audit and incident response team, was mentioned in the seminar. A total of 36 PFSOs and IT staff from 21 designated port facility operators attended the seminar.

5.1.2 **Mr. Frankie LAM** also reported that MD had sent out the Bureau contact point and a brief description of the seminar (provided by the Bureau) to all PFSOs, including the 7 operators who had not attended the seminar.

5.1.3 **The Chairman** advised members to contact **Mr. Simon HO** for any enquiries about the contact point of the Bureau on cyber security issues.

6. Date of next meeting

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

7. Closing

The meeting was closed at 1200 hrs.

The minutes of the meeting were confirmed on 20 January 2017.