

## **Minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> Port Area Security Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Date:** 20 January 2017

**Time:** 11:00 a.m.

**Venue:** Conference Room A, 24/F, Harbour Building

### **Present:**

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| Mr. S.F. WONG   | Chairman, Marine Department (MD)            |
| Mr. F.L. CHEUK  | Vice-Chairman, MD                           |
| Mr. Kenny WONG Kam-wah                                    | Bulk Industry                               |
| Mr. Ryan LI Chi-pun                                       | Cruise Terminals                            |
| Mr. Alvin LIU   | HK Container Terminal Operators Association |
| Mr. Jason TSANG   | HK Container Terminal Operators Association |
| Mr. Oliver CHAN Wo-shing                                  | HK Liner Shipping Association               |
| Mr. Samson LAM<br><i>(on behalf of Mr. Kevin CHAN)</i>    | Oil Industry (OIRC Member)                  |
| Mr. Percy LAW Ka Yee                                      | River Trade Terminal                        |
| Mr. LUK Chi-ho  | Ship Repairs Industry                       |
| Mr. Leo YU<br><i>(on behalf of Mr. Andy WONG Siu-kai)</i> | Ship Repairs Industry                       |
| Mr. Kelvin NG<br><i>(on behalf of Mr. Francis LEUNG)</i>  | Hong Kong Police (HKP)                      |
| Mr. Alex LAW  | HKP   |
| Mr. W.H. WONG   | MD  |
| Mr. C.M. CHAU   | MD  |
| Mr. Luis SHI  | MD  |
| Mr. Simon HO  | Secretariat, MD                             |

### **In attendance:**

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| Mr. Derek LAM | HKP             |
| Miss C.W. WAN | Notes-taker, MD |

**Absent with apology:**

Mr. CHUNG Man-kong

Oil Industry (Non-OIRC Member)

**1. Opening of Meeting**

1.1 **The Chairman** welcomed all to the 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Port Area Security Advisory Committee (PASAC) and introduced the following Members who attended the meeting for the first time:-

- (a) Mr. Alvin LIU, HK Container Terminal Operators Association
- (b) Mr. Percy LAW, River Trade Terminal
- (c) Mr. Alex LAW, HKP
- (d) Mr. Luis SHI, MD
- (e) Mr. Simon HO, MD (Secretary)

**Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting**

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2.1 As no comment had been received, the minutes of the last meeting held on 14 January 2016 were confirmed without amendments.

**3. Matters Arising from Last Meeting**

**3.1 Global Terrorist Situation and Terrorist Threat to Hong Kong**

3.1.1 **Mr. Derek LAM** gave a presentation on the global terrorist situation and terrorist threat to Hong Kong. He briefed the meeting that the transnational terrorist groups including Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant, Al-Qaeda and its affiliates continued to pose grave threat to countries around the world. Also, self-radicalized and lone-wolf type attacks encouraged by major terrorist groups were potential terrorist threat to Hong Kong.

3.1.2 With regard to the maritime security situation, **Mr. Derek LAM** pointed out the use of firearms by pirate had increased as compared to last year. The maritime environment in the Red Sea, African Coast and Southeast Asia remained volatile. In order to protect the maritime interest in Hong Kong from attack, strengthening of the port security and maritime

cyber-security were recommended.

### 3.2 Port State Control Inspection on Ship Security

3.2.1 **Mr. Luis SHI** informed Members that 630 vessels were inspected in 2016 and 9 vessels were inspected during 1 to 8 January 2017 on ship security. During these two periods, there was no detention due to security deficiency. **Mr. Oliver CHAN** asked if there was other detention apart from security deficiency and **Mr. Luis SHI** confirmed there were detention cases due to other deficiencies. **The Chairman** expressed understanding of Mr. CHAN's concern on other detention cases and suggested the meeting should mainly focus on security.

### 3.3 Joint Drills and Exercises Conducted by Port Facilities and HKP in 2016

3.3.1 **Mr. Alex LAW** briefed Members on the joint drills and exercises conducted by port facilities and HKP in 2016. He indicated that the Marine Region had endeavoured to engage the community through assisting MD in conducting ISPS facilities audits, emergency exercises and joint exercises in 2016. A breakdown of these activities comprising of combined efforts was as follows:

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| No. of ISPS audits                          | 28 |
| No. of emergency exercises conducted by HKP | 67 |
| No. of joint exercises with port facilities | 30 |

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

3.3.2 **Mr. Alex LAW** pointed out that the main aims of the joint drills and exercises were to test the response from different units (e.g. Marine Police & Land Formations, Counter Terrorist Response Unit), and to maintain a good level of co-operation with port facilities and different police units. All these drills and exercises would help Marine Region's law enforcement role for executing operational actions to contain and counter criminal activities against ISPS facilities. **Mr. Oliver CHAN** enquired if these joint drills and exercises would involve other stakeholders such as ship companies. **Mr. Alex LAW** replied that

relevant Port Facility Security Officers (PFSOs) and other government departments might be involved subject to individual exercise.

3.3.3 **Mr. Alex LAW** also added that MARPOL had an initiative to fine-tune and strengthen the joint exercises with designated port facilities in 2017. **Mr. Ryan LI** enquired the difference between the joint exercises conducted by various police units such as CTRU, CISCC and MARPOL. **Mr. Alex LAW** responded that the main focus of MARPOL's joint exercise was on marine side while others were focused on land coordination, and a combination of marine-land joint exercise would also be included.

3.3.4 In response to **Mr. W.H. WONG**'s question, **Mr. Alex LAW** replied that the joint exercises were actual deployment without emission of smoke or other signals that would draw the public's attention, and these exercises would not be made known to the public. **Mr. W.H. WONG** pointed out that Vessel Traffic Centre (VTC) should be informed in advance of these joint exercises since such exercise would attract the public's attention.

#### 3.4 **Inter-departmental Exercise in 2017**

3.4.1 **Mr. Simon HO** informed Members that the Port Facility Security Working Group (PFSWG) had agreed to conduct a security exercise to test emergency communication protocol amongst Members Departments, including the Customs & Excise Department, HKP (CTIS & OPS MAR), Immigration Department and MD in 2016. A "Table-top Counter-Terrorist Exercise on Maritime Terrorism Response Coordination Centre (MTRCC) 24 hours Call Out Mechanism" (Codename: CalloutEX 2017) was hence conducted on 4 January 2017. The CalloutEX 2017 consisted of two parts, in which the first part was a table-top exercise for testing the call out mechanism of MTRCC and no mobilization of resources was required, whereas the second part was for testing the effectiveness of assembling responsible persons at MTRCC. A debriefing session was held immediately after the exercise to discuss the process of the exercise as well as the areas for improvement. The relevant contingency plan had subsequently been updated with the areas identified for improvement.

3.4.2 In response to **the Chairman**'s enquiry, **Mr. Simon HO** replied that this inter-departmental exercise was not conducted annually. He explained the background that the Security Bureau had undertaken a government-wide counter-terrorism exercise called "WINDGATE" in November 2015. Therefore, Members Departments agreed that the inter-departmental exercise, which was similar in nature, was not required in that year. Following the "WINDGATE", the 24 hours call out mechanism of MTRCC was incorporated into the relevant contingency plan and its effectiveness was tested in this inter-departmental exercise.

### 3.5 **MARPOL Liaison Meeting for PFSOs**

3.5.1 **Mr. Alex LAW** reported that Marine Port District of MARPOL had organized two briefing sessions to PSFOs on 14 May 2014 and 3 February 2015 for presenting global terrorism trends and threats to Hong Kong and discussion of port facility security operation and exercise issues. The Crime Marine also gave a Cyber Security Briefing to PFSOs on 23 November 2015. MARPOL considered that the purpose of these briefing sessions was to enhance the communication between MARPOL and the relevant PFSOs. As the purpose had already been achieved, it was considered that similar briefing session was no longer required for the time being. However, MARPOL would be happy to participate in any similar event organized by MD in the future with the attendance of PFSOs.

3.5.2 **The Chairman** asked how many PFSOs in Hong Kong. **Mr. Simon HO** replied that there were 35 designated port facilities involving 28 PFSOs. **The Chairman** further asked if there was any possibility that MD's contacts of PFSOs did not tally with HKP's. **Mr. Alex LAW** and **Mr. Simon HO** responded that, through the participation of the yearly port facilities security audits led by MD, HKP had established good communication with all PFSOs and hence the contacts had been kept updated. Moreover, the updated contact list of PFSOs could be obtained at MD's relevant webpage.

## 4. **Any Other Business**

#### 4.1 **Training Course for PFSOs**

- 4.1.1 **Mr. Simon HO** advised that a training centre would conduct the PFSO certificated course in May 2017. He also added that the course was for those who newly took up the PFSO post. The existing PFSOs were required to revalidate their certificates with MD every five years. **Mr. Oliver CHAN** enquired if PFSOs had to take a PFSO course again if they changed to another company. **Mr. Simon HO** replied that it was not necessary to do so. In response to **Mr. Kenny WONG's** further question on the PFSO's qualification recognition, **the Chairman** advised **Mr. Simon HO** to find out such information and reply to him after the meeting.

(Post Meeting Note: A phone reply was made to Mr. Kenny WONG on 20 February 2017 with regard to the qualification recognition as PFSO.)

#### 5. **Date of Next Meeting**

- 5.1 The date of next meeting would be announced in due course.

#### 6. **Closing**

- 6.1 There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

**The minutes of the meeting were confirmed on 12 January 2018.**