

8TH EAST ASIA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING Video-teleconference (VTC), 10 December

Contribution to the IHO Work Programme 2021

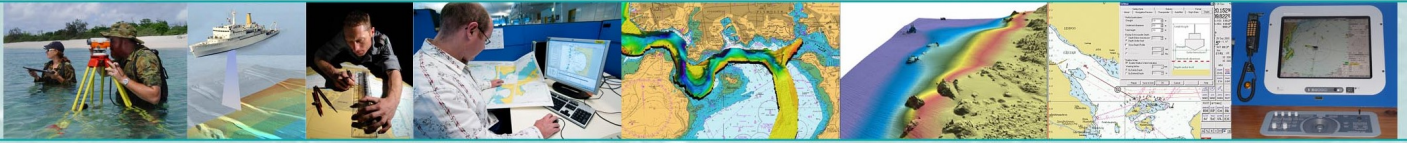
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The East Asia Hydrographic Commission (EAHC) Steering Committee (SC) held its 8th meeting on 10 December 2021 by Video-teleconference (VTC). 23 delegates from the EAHC region (Brunei Darussalam, China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam) and 22 observers attended. The IHO Secretariat was represented by Secretary-General Dr Mathias Jonas and Assistant Director Yong Baek.

The Secretary-General presented recent and ongoing activities with a regional aspect and the impact for the global organization in 2021. In particular, he focused his presentation on the installation of IHO-Singapore Innovation & Technology Lab that identified two projects for execution, S-101 conversion from S-57 ENC and S-131 harbour infrastructure management system. He also made mention of the IHO e-Learning Center, supported by Rep. of Korea, and encouraged all to develop and provide contributions of online learning materials to the IHO e-Learning Center.

The EAHC Secretariat presented the IHO Strategic Plan (SP) and a gap analysis conducted by SWPHC in October 2021 and elaborated on appropriate procedures to identify the figures/values to measure the SP Index, or to provide such figures/values to the IRCC workshop in April 2022. The Committee approved the implementation of the SWPHC gap analysis with a report to the IRCC in due course.

A subgroup of the Steering Committee reported on a new concept, which refines mind-set and full creativity, for not relying heavily on periodical physical gathering and keeping three Goals – *Safety of Navigation, Data Usage and International Participation* in the EAHC Member States. They proposed a new EAHC Strategic Committee (SC) that will discuss agendas for regional strategic approach, guide projects and gauge reported indicators, coordinate with IHO, and conduct management of the EAHC. The new EAHC SC was approved and it was agreed for further discussion of the project-driven system at the next meeting.



Given consideration of the continued COVID-19 pandemic, the next EAHC SC meeting will be held around the Lunar New year in 2023 and the EAHC Conference will be in autumn 2022.



Some participants at EAHC SC-8