



Active Shipbuilding Experts' Federation Kicks off



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On November 26, 2015, nine shipbuilding entities got together in Nantong, China to establish an organization called the Active Shipbuilding Experts' Federation, or ASEF for short.

The objective of ASEF is to contribute to various associated technical issues of the maritime industry, such as the issues being handled at IMO, ISO and IACS, and will, when ready, aim for acquiring consultative status with IMO. In doing so, it will be the day-to-day activities of ASEF to engage in the exchange of technical information and views among members, or with other related industries, as well as holding Forums, taking over the former organisation, Asian Shipbuilding Experts' Forum's annual routine since 2007. The scope of technical issues will not only be restricted to those of shipbuilding activities but also include ship repairing, conversion and offshore unit related issues.

The founding nine members are:

- China Association of the National Shipbuilding Industry (CANSI), China
- Colombo Dockyard PLC, Sri Lanka
- Shipyards Association of India (SAI), India
- Indonesia Shipbuilding and Offshore Industry Association (IPERINDO), Indonesia
- The Shipbuilders' Association of Japan (SAJ), Japan
- Korea Offshore & Shipbuilding Association (KOSHIPA), Korea
- Association of Marine Industries of Malaysia (AMIM), Malaysia
- Thai Shipbuilding and Repairing Association (TSBA), Thailand
- Shipbuilding Industry Corporation (SBIC), Vietnam

ASEF members represent more than 90% of global share in terms of new vessels delivery and are open to entry of shipbuilding associations, or shipbuilding entities who are established to a degree that they can represent their own countries.

ASEF has started operations, and Mr Shigeru Murayama, Chairman of The Shipbuilders' Association of Japan (SAJ), was elected as the ASEF's Chairman for a three-year term. The chairmanship will rotate annually among the three top shipbuilding associations, i.e. SAJ, KOSHIPA and CANSI, in that order, to establish rudiments of ASEF and achieve the most suited framework of operations. Under such arrangements, and considering the importance of enhancing technical activities on stream, it is of prime importance for ASEF to act promptly. With this in mind, the initial year's activities are featured by the Technical Working Group established by the Council, and three important topics associated with strategic policies were selected in order to make contributions to the shipbuilding industry as well as other related industries.

The topics are:

- Update of "Performance Standard for Protective Coatings (PSPC)"
- Review of IACS Unified Requirements (URs) and Class Rules for "Structural Design of Large Containerships"
- Improvements to draft ISO "Measurement, evaluation and reporting of vibration with regard to habitability on passenger & merchant ships"

Mr O Kitamura, Mr Jiameng Wu and Mr Jong-Kap Lee are designated as the Accredited Persons (Technical) of ASEF to take the lead in the activities. Successful coordination is expected to open doors to other issues thereafter.

The headquarters of ASEF for the first year are located in Tokyo, and the Secretariat is headed by Mr Hiroshi (Dave) Iwamoto.

Further information can be found at the website: <http://www.asef2015.com/>

ASEF 9 Members' Global Share - 40 Years Development -

Completion GT Source: Lloyd's Register, IHS Fairplay

	1974	1994	2014
Japan	16,894,017	8,603,600	13,421,393
Korea	312,947	4,085,798	22,594,674
China	0	699,740	22,706,684
Other ASEF	0	61,504	763,760
Non-ASEF	16,334,325	5,515,527	5,131,467
India	0	7,380	96,217
Indonesia	0	16,690	197,973
Malaysia	0	37,434	76,172
Sri Lanka	0	0	12,705
Thailand	0	0	2,743
Vietnam	0	0	377,950
World	33,541,289	18,966,169	64,617,978

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Newbuilding Delivery GT Base

