

Speech at the 6th Asian Shipbuilding

Experts' Forum

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Ladies and Gentlemen: Good morning.

The 6th Asian Shipbuilding Experts' Forum is ceremoniously held in the beautiful Rams City of Guangzhou. On behalf of China Association of the National Shipbuilding Industry, The Chinese Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, I would like to express our warm welcome to all the friends of the shipbuilding colleagues from Asian countries. I would also like to express our sincere thanks to all the enterprises and individuals who had provided supports and assistance to the opening of this Forum and to extend our special thanks to JSTRA, The Korean Shipbuilders' Association, China Shipbuilding Industry Corporation, China State Shipbuilding Corporation, China Classification Society and Guangdong Shipbuilding Industry Association for their excellent work done for this Forum.

Asian Shipbuilding Experts' Forum is an efficient platform for the Asian shipbuilding countries to communicate and exchange opinions on the current international marine issues of regulations, standards, specifications, technology and etc., which enables the Asian shipbuilders to fully understand the development of the world shipbuilding technology and the trends of new regulations, new standard and new specifications. Asia is the centre of the world shipbuilding. Over 90% of the commercial vessels are built by Asian countries. It is necessary to enhance mutual understanding, communication and cooperation among these countries. Through such exchange and cooperation, the level of shipbuilding ability could be further improved and promoted so that to provide more excellent products to the shipping world. The establishment of the sustainable, healthy and harmonic development situation will highly benefit the raising of the position of the

Asian Shipbuilding in the international marine world.

The main topic of Forum this year is marine safety and environment issues. This is also the hot topic of IMO in the recent years. The major subjects are GBS, ship noise control, tank testing guideline regarding shipyard quality control system, polar code, greenhouse gas reduction, shipyard experiences on ballast water processing system, air pollution prevention and etc. The delegates from all the Asian countries will exchange opinions or give lectures on the above issues. I hope these exchanges of opinions will assist the shipbuilding industry in Asian countries and to be beneficiary to all of you, and the vessels built in Asia meeting the international requirements and standards supply excellent equipments to shipping industry.

For the reasons that everyone knows, recently the shipbuilding industry and shipping industry are at a depressing stage. However, offshore, high technology and high standard vessels and special vessels still have market. Although shipbuilding enterprises are facing difficulties in delivery, financing and taking new orders, I believe that methods are always more than difficulties so long as the design and quality of the vessels could meet the ship owners' requirement of energy saving and emission reduction. At same time, the shipbuilding enterprises should work hard internally to be more efficient. When the world economy recovers, the spring of the shipbuilding will come. Everybody to be optimistic, the spring will be sure to come.

Finally I wish the 6th Asian Shipbuilding Experts' Forum a great success!

Wish every guest a happy stay in Guangzhou!

Wish everyone working smoothly and good health!