

**Report
of the Face-to-face Meeting
of the Correspondence Group (CG) on IMO-NGO issue
to the 6th ASEF**

- 1 Face-to-face meeting on the CG on IMO-NGO issue (referred to as ‘the meeting’ herein after) was held under the chairmanship of Mr. Okamura of Japan on Wednesday, 21st November 2012 in Guangzhou, China.
- 2 Participants from China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia and Sri Lanka carried out intensive discussion regarding IMO-NGO issue.
- 3 The meeting updated the activities of the CG on IMO-NGO issue, namely 5 rounds of correspondence were made and 2 sessions of the Face-to-face meetings were held to date. Especially, following the report of the CG to the 5th ASEF in Busan, Korea, the CG conducted study on existing NGOs and commenced the discussion on future structure of ASEF. Report of the activities of the CG on IMO-NGO issue is set out as Annex.
- 4 The Secretariat of the CG introduced the draft articles of future ASEF prepared by itself and the meeting discussed them with a view to imaging ASEF as nongovernmental organization (NGO). Items considered by the meeting were as follows:

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| .1 | Article 1 | Name; |
| .2 | Article 2 | Purposes; |
| .3 | Article 3 | Functions; |
| .4 | Article 4 | Membership; |
| .5 | Article 5 | Organs; |
| .6 | Article 6 | The Assembly; |
| .7 | Article 7 | The Council; |
| .8 | Article 8 | Maritime Safety Committee; |

- .9 Article 9 Marine Environment Protection Committee;
- .10 Article 10 Secretariat;
- .11 Article 11 Chairman and Vice-Chairmen;
- .12 Article 12 Location of the Headquarters and Branch Office;
- .13 Article 13 Finances;
- .14 Article 14 Voting; and
- .15 Article 15 Dissolution.

5 In the course of discussion, China, Indonesia, Japan ,Korea, Malaysia and Sri Lanka expressed their intentions on further steps in obtaining IMO - NGO status respectively. The main purposes of ASEF are still to effectively act as an exchanging platform for shipbuilding technology among Asian countries and get consultative status with IMO. To be an organization, there are lots of issues to be discussed and details to be further considered on the transformation of the Forum, so as to make further achievement in the next ASEF meeting.

6 ASEF, at its 6th session, is invited to:

- .1 note the latest information on the activities of the CG as referred to in paragraph 3 above;
- .2 also note the current situation on imaging ASEF as NGO as referred to in paragraph 4 above;
- .3 agree in principle with the intentions expressed by participants as referred to in paragraph 5 above;

Annex

Report of the activities of the CG on IMO-NGO issue

- 1st round : 21st Oct. 2011
 - Consideration on work plan of the CG

- 2nd round : 14th Nov. 2011
 - Consideration on study regarding IMO's provisions on NGOs in consultative status with IMO

- Face to face meeting : 30th Nov. 2011
 - Consideration on study regarding IMO's provisions on NGOS in consultative status with IMO
 - Consideration on study regarding existing NGOs
 - Consideration on follow up action

- 5th ASEF : 2nd Dec. 2011
 - Report of the CG on IMO-NGO issue to the 5th ASEF
 - Follow up action
 - Observation of deliberation in IMO regarding rules and guidelines for NGOs
 - Study on existing NGOs
 - ◇ China – WSC, ISO
 - ◇ Japan – BIMCO, IPTA
 - ◇ Korea – ICS, ITTC
 - ◇ by 15 February 2012
 - Future structure of ASEF
 - ◇ China, Japan, Korea and others
 - ◇ After completion of the studies on existing NGOs and their review, commence discussion on future structure of ASEF as soon as possible but not later than the end of July 2012.

- 3rd round : 13th June 2012
 - Consideration on study regarding existing NGOs
 - Review of study on NGOs in consultative status with IMO

- 4th round : 31st July 2012
 - Consideration on items to be discussed relating to future structure of ASEF

- 5th round : 31st October 2012
 - Consideration on draft articles of new ASEF
