FRAMEWORK OF ASEF

I Purpose

This Forum is intended to allow participants to establish clear channels of communication and to engage in dialogue concerning common matters related to international technical regulations and international standards, which can significantly affect shipbuilding industries. The Forum is also intended to enhance mutual understanding among shipbuilding engineers throughout Asia; to express internationally relevant opinions; and ultimately to promote maritime safety and environmental conservation.

II Organization of the Forum

1 The Organizer shall convene and manage a Forum at least once a year.
2 The Organizer shall call on a coordinator of the Forum.
3 The Organizer is responsible for selecting Forum themes from significant international maritime technical regulations and related international standards. Each theme will be discussed by all participants after experts' presentation addressing controversial points.
4 While there is no mandate to reach agreement on the themes to be discussed, the Organizer will compile the summary of the discussion.
5 At an event of each year’s Forum meeting, attendees will determine the organization to serve as the Forum Organizer for the subsequent year. Although the term of responsibility is one year, re-election will be permitted.

III Forum Participants

Full membership will be granted to technical engineers and/or representatives of organizations involved in shipbuilding industries in Asia (shipbuilding, ship repairing and ship machinery manufacturing) and relevant R&D institutions. Governmental organizations and societies related to ships and ship classification may attend the Forum as observers.

IV Budget issues, including payment of expenses

Operating expenses for each Forum shall be the responsibility of the Organizer. Costs incurred for participation in Forum meetings shall be paid by each participant.

V Future challenges

The Forum will explore the possibility of establishing an NGO with IMO-Consultative status.