**REPORT OF THE 39th APA MEETING**

**BALI, INDONESIA**

**12-15 November 2013**

# INTRODUCTION

1. Pursuant to the 38th APA Meeting held in Bangkok, Thailand on 19-22 November 2012, the 39th APA Meeting was held on 12-15 November 2013 in Bali, Indonesia.

2. The meeting was attended by delegates from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Vietnam, Thailand and Indonesia. The List of Delegates appears as ANNEX A.

# REMARKS BY MS. LAWAN OUNGKIROS, CHAIRPERSON OF THE ASEAN PORTS ASSOCIATION

3. Ms. Lawan Oungkiros, Advisor to the PAT Board of Commissioners and the APA Chairperson, thanked the Indonesian Government, the Indonesia Port Corporation I, II, III and IV, and the Organizing Committee, on behalf of the APA, for the warm welcome and hospitality. In particular she expressed her appreciation for the presence of Mr. Bambang Susantono, Vice-Minister of Transportation to preside over the Opening Ceremony and deliver the keynote address

4. The APA Chairperson also acknowledged the role of the Permanent Secretariat and the contribution of the GIZ in addressing the issues that confront the ASEAN ports and shipping industries. She mentioned that the Meeting can provide the venue for not only socializing among those bound by common interests and expertise but for learning and sharing new ideas and speculating what the future holds for APA.

5. Finally, the APA Chairperson emphasized the strategic role of the ASEAN being the most promising region and the economic activities that the realization of the ASEAN Economic Community or AEC by 2015 will usher in, particularly in terms of transport infrastructure and trade facilitation. She underscored the importance of ports as part of the ASEAN logistics and the green-related projects and activities that the ports undertake to achieve sustainable development. Hence, the importance of promoting technical cooperation and capacity building on green ports among the members of the APA. The full text of the Remarks of the APA Chairperson appears as ANNEX B.

**WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE GOVERNOR OF BALI, INDONESIA**

6. On behalf of the Governor, Mr. Ketut Sudikerta, Vice-Governor of Bali, Indonesia welcomed all the delegates. He encouraged them to enjoy the beauty of Bali and assure them that it is a safe place citing recent international events such as the Miss World Competition and the Meeting of the Heads of States of APEC members which took place in September and October, respectively this year. He expressed his hope that the delegates will find the opportunity to return to Bali in the immediate future.

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION OF INDONESIA**

7. Mr. Bambang Susantono, Vice-Minister of Transportation, who represented the Minister of Transportation, delivered the Keynote Address. He emphasized the strategic role of ports and the maritime sector in the logistics chain as catalyst of growth, particularly with the establishment of the ASEAN Economic Cooperation (AEC) in 2015. This is expected to create favorable impact on the various economies in the region which can foster the attainment of the ASEAN vision of unity, a single identity and brotherhood.

8. He briefly cited what the Indonesian Government is doing in relation to the above such as the implementation of the mega policy called MP3EI.

## 9. He then declared the meeting open. The full text of the Keynote Address appears as ANNEX C.

**OPEN SESSION**

***Presentation by GIZ on “Sustainable Port Development in the ASEAN Region”***

10.Ms. Franca Sprong-Winjreder, GIZ Team Leader for the project, made a presentation on the status of the APA project “Sustainable Port Development in the ASEAN Region”. The presentation appears as ANNEX D.

***ASEAN Economic Community***

11. The Meeting was informed that the ASEAN Secretariat would not be able to attend the 39th APA Meeting

# CLOSED SESSION

## **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

12. The Meeting adopted the Agenda which appears as ANNEX E.

# BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS

13. The Meeting agreed to hold all sessions in plenary. A Drafting Committee was formed to prepare the Draft Report. The List of Members of the Drafting Committee appears as ANNEX F.

**DATE AND VENUE OF THE 35TH APA WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING**

14. Thailand graciously agreed to host the 35th APA Working Committee Meeting in mid 2014. The venue will be informed later.

**DATE AND VENUE OF THE 40TH APA MEETING**

15. Myanmar graciously agreed to host the 40th APA Meeting in 2014. The date and venue will be informed later.

# REPORT OF THE HONORARY AUDITOR

16. The Head of the Permanent Secretariat read the report of the Honorary Auditor on the examination of the Statement of Receipts and Expenditures of the APA as of 30 September 2013. The Report appears as ANNEX G.

**APA EXECUTIVE OFFICERS FOR 2014-2015**

17. The Philippines accepted the chairmanship of the APA for 2014-2015. The Chairman and Secretary General will be Atty. Juan C. Sta. Ana and Mr. Hector E. Miole, respectively.

18. The Meeting noted that by rotation, Indonesia is expected to hold the APA Vice Chairmanship for the period 2014-2015. The Vice Chairman and Honorary Auditor will be Ms. Dothy and Mr. Abdul Azis, respectively. Pursuant to the agreements during the 36th APA Meeting, the country who holds the APA Vice-Chairmanship will nominate the APA Working Committee Chairman. The APA Working Committee Chairman for 2014-2015 will be Mr. Sandhy Wijaya.

# APA BUDGET AND PROJECTED REVENUE FOR 2014

19. The Meeting approved the proposed APA Budget for year 2014 which is attached as ANNEX H.

**SECRETARIAT REPORT ON ACTIVITIES**

20. The Meeting accepted the Secretariat Report on Activities, as presented by the Secretary General. The Report appears as ANNEX I.

**REPORT OF THE 34TH  APA WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING**

21. The Secretary General presented the Report of the 34th Working Committee Meeting held in Singapore on 25-27 June 2013. The Meeting accepted the Report, which appears as ANNEX J.

SUSTAINABLE PORT DEVELOPMENT IN THE ASEAN REGION

22. The Meeting accepted the reports on the progress of the project, as presented by GIZ, earlier during the Open Session. It noted that the project activities continue to be undertaken even if the draft Implementation Agreement for Phase II has not yet been approved by the ASEAN.

23. It further noted that pursuant to para 22 of the Report of the 34th Working Committee Meeting, the Permanent Secretariat had:

* Asked GIZ to submit its Progress Report two months before the APA Meeting
* Reviewed the draft Implementation Agreement to ensure that it does not compromise the interest of APA members who are not participants to the project
* Circulated the GIZ write-up on the APA to the APA members last 4 July 2013

**APA 5-YEAR WORK PROGRAMME**

#### **Human Resource Development**

24. The next HRD Seminar entitled “The Guidance of Port Safety, Health and Environmental Management System” will be hosted by Thailand in June 2014 before the 35th Working Committee Meeting in Bangkok.

***Electronic Transmission of Information***

25. ASEAN ports are in various stages of transmitting information electronically. The status of these activities at each port as of 31 October 2013 appears as ANNEX K.

#### **Exchange of Information on Port Development Projects**

26. The Meeting noted that the seminar on Exchange of Information on Port Development Projects entitled “The Exchange of Information on Best Practices in Port” was held in Sunway Resort Hotel, Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan on 1-2 October 2013.

***Review of the APA 5-Year Work Programme and Replacement by a 5-Year APA Strategic Plan***

27. The 35th Working Committee was tasked to review the 5-Year Work Programme, All members were urged to submit their inputs, particularly focusing on priority issues like AEC 2015 commitments, to the Permanent Secretariat by the end of March 2014.

**APA WEBPAGE**

28. The APA Webpage was updated on the basis of inputs of the members. During the 34th APA Working Committee Meeting, it was agreed that members are to send the Permanent Secretariat “urls” (i.e., web addresses) of latest trends so that links to these sites will be provided for in the APA website. To date, no urls have been communicated to the Permanent Secretariat.

29. The Meeting noted that Thailand remitted a six-month “Home Page Top” advertisement cost in July 2013. Members are encouraged to also solicit advertisements. Webpage advertisement rates are attached as ANNEX L.

**APA NEWSLETTER**

30. The Meeting noted the report of the Head of the Permanent Secretariat that starting in 2013, as agreed upon during the 37th APA Meeting, only an electronic version of the Newsletter will be generated. The electronic version of the Newsletter, which was based on articles submitted by the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand for the period July to November 2013 was generated in time for the 39th APA Meeting. The 2013 Newsletter may be accessed at www.aseanportsassociation.org.

# PRIVATIZATION/COMMERCIALIZATION ACTIVITIES IN THE PORTS

31. The Meeting took note of the status of privatization/ commercialization activities in the ports as reported by each member country. The consolidated report appears in ANNEX M.

**SIMPLIFICATION OF PORT DOCUMENTATION AND PROCEDURES**

32. The Meeting noted the status of the simplification of port documentation and procedures. The consolidated report appears as ANNEX N.

**GREEN PORT INITIATIVES**

33. The Meeting noted green port initiatives, as reported by each member country. The report appears as ANNEX O.

# REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

34. The Meeting noted the Report of Activities of each member country. The reports appear as ANNEX P.

**PRESENTATION OF COUNTRY PAPERS**

35. The following country papers were presented:

* Brunei Darussalam – Activities In/Around Muara Port
* Cambodia – Phnom Penh Autonomous Port Current and Future Developments
* Indonesia – Makassar New Port (MNP) Development Project
* Malaysia – Project Development of Oil and Gas Terminals in Johor, Malaysia
* Myanmar – Construction of Multipurpose Terminal (Ahlone) at Yangon Port
* Philippines – Delivering Efficiency Through Port Synergy (by Asian Terminals, Inc.)
* Singapore – Ferry Rescue Exercise 2013 (FEREX 2013)
* Thailand –PAT Goes Green with Green Initiatives
* Vietnam – Vietnam Seaports Current Issues and Future Development

The country papers appear as ANNEX Q.

**OTHER MATTERS**

***Procedures in the case of Inability of an APA Member to host a meeting/event, as scheduled***

36. The Meeting deliberated on and approved the procedures in the case of inability of an APA Member to host a meeting/event, as scheduled. The procedures appear as ANNEX R.

 ***Procedures in the case of delays in remittance of APA Membership Dues***

37. The Meeting deliberated on and approved the procedures in the case of delays in remittance of APA Membership Dues. The procedures appear as ANNEX S.

***Technical Committee Meeting on APA 5-Year Strategic Plan***

38. In response to the suggestion of the Secretary General, a Technical Committee Meeting on the 5-Year APA Strategic Plan will be held in Indonesia after the members submit their inputs by end of March 2014. The Technical Committee Report is expected to be submitted to the 35th APA Working Committee.

**CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

39. The Meeting adopted the report of the 39th APA Meeting.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

40. The delegations of Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam expressed their most sincere appreciation to the Government of Indonesia and the Indonesian Port Corporations and all those involved for the very efficient organization of the meeting and the warm hospitality accorded to all members of the delegations.

41. The meeting was held in the traditional ASEAN spirit of solidarity and cordiality.