

Chair's Report of the Ocean Policy Institute Network in the East Asian
Region (OPINEAR) Seoul Meeting

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Participants:

(Member Institutes)

1. Center for South East Asian Studies (CSEAS), Indonesia
Director Hasjim Djalal
2. Korea Maritime Institute (KMI), Republic of Korea
President Jong-Hee Ghang
Vice President Bong-Min Jung
Vice President Young-Tae Shin
Chairman Chin-Soo Lim
3. Maritime Institute of Malaysia (MIMA), Malaysia
Director General Pola Singh
Senior Fellow Nazery Khalid
4. Ocean Policy Research Foundation (OPRF), Japan
Executive Director Hiroshi Terashima
General Manager Takashi Ichioka
5. S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Singapore
Associate Research Fellow Jane Chan

(Resource Person)

Dr. Chua Thia-Eng

(Observer Institutes)

1. PEMSEA
Executive Director Raphael Lotilla
2. Coastal and Ocean Management Institute (COMI), Xiamen University,
China
Executive Director Xiongzi Xue

Professor Xiaoqin Zhu
Professor Qinhua Fang
(Secretariat)

1. KMI

Director Jong-Deog Kim

2. OPRF

Research Fellow Kanae Komaki

Research Fellow Tetsuo Kotani

Research Fellow Yinji Li

I. Opening Session

1. Mr. Hiroshi Terashima, Executive Director of OPRF, was appointed as Chairman and Dr. Jong-Hee Ghang, President of KMI, was appointed as Co-Chairman.
2. The Chairman and Co-Chairman gave opening remarks welcoming all participants. The Chairman looked back at major agreements in the past meetings and reaffirmed the nature and objectives of OPINEAR. He expressed his hope that the meeting would develop a more concrete vision for the Network's activities. The Co-Chairman stressed the importance of the Network to address such ocean challenges as climate change. He delivered a message of welcome and stressed the importance of OPINEAR in the region.
3. Dr. Cae-One Kim, Chairman, National Research Council for Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences (NRCS) gave congratulatory remarks expressing his hope that OPINEAR will develop into a concrete cooperative mechanism.
4. Members introduced themselves.
5. Members had a Photo Session.

II. Organizational Matters

1. The agenda was adopted as proposed by the Secretariat.
2. The Secretariat reviewed the Chair's Report of the meeting in Kuala Lumpur.

III. Latest Developments in Ocean Policy and Activities of Member Institutes, Proposals on Future Cooperation

1. CSEAS

--introduced activities regarding the South China Sea, Continental Shelf, Straits of Malacca, ocean energy, submarine cable, etc.

--proposed:

- A. management of conflict in SCS through track II dialogues
- B. establishment of a special fund to assist members which have limited financial capabilities
- C. research on ocean energy, exchanging knowledge and experiences

2. KMI

--introduced activities in 2009 and KIM Sea Vision 2010

--proposed

- A. joint research on evaluation of the potential of the blue economy (wise use of oceans)
- B. comparative research on the coastal management policies in EAS
- C. joint study on the climate change adaptation of coastal areas
- D. co-hosting international seminars
- E. compiling textbooks on integrated marine policy
- F. conducting international training/education program in marine policy
- G. joint exhibition at Yeosu Expo and EAS Congress in 2012
- H. constitution of a list of regional experts in maritime affairs

3. MIMA

--introduced 2009 activities focusing on the Straits of Malacca, maritime economics, security and environment, law and ocean policy

--proposed

- A. joint research
- B. visiting fellowship
- C. joint publications

- D. co-organizing conferences/seminars
- E. exchanging publications
- F. conducting talks/lectures
- G. exchanging database/statistics/information

4. OPRF

--introduced latest development in Japan's ocean policy such as marine energy and resource development, anti-piracy measures, and remote island management and OPRF activities in 2009

--proposed

- A. daily information exchange and sharing through the website
- B. mutual invitation to international conferences
- C. organizing workshops in such international meetings as EAS Congress
- D. joint research on:
 - capacity building for ICM implementation
 - development and use of ocean renewable energy
 - raising public awareness

5. RSIS

--introduced the scope of research: sea lane and port security, maritime boundary disputes, maritime force development, piracy and maritime terrorism, confidence building measures

--stressed the importance of maintaining good order at sea—security and safety to pursue maritime interests and maritime resource development—and listed key recommendations:

- A. institutionalization of regional cooperation
- B. enhancement of risk assessment and reduction
- C. development of more effective info sharing and data collection

6. PEMSEA

--summarized the EAS Congress 2009, emphasizing ICM & the contributions of coastal ecosystems to climate change mitigation through carbon sequestration and to adaptation

--suggested collaboration with OPINEAR in:

- A. responding to requests for expert review of national ocean/ICM policies and legislation
- B. carrying out further research on the size and importance of the marine economy to the region
- C. fleshing out the operational plan for the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia
- D. mainstreaming oceans in climate change discussions

IV. Report on EASC 2009 Workshop

The Secretariat introduced the results of the Workshop on Coastal/Ocean Policy and Legislation: Implementation and New Initiatives at the EASC 2009.

V. Future Cooperation

1. The Chairman listed possible areas of cooperation as below:
 - A. Climate change
 - B. The Straits of Malacca
 - C. Enforcement/security
 - D. Education/public awareness
 - E. Capacity building
 - F. Database
 - G. Ocean energy
 - H. Special funds
2. The Chairman also listed possible forms of collaboration as below:
 - A. Joint research
 - B. Exchange of researchers
 - C. Information sharing
 - D. Organizing workshops in international or regional conference
 - E. Mutual invitation of conferences organized by members
3. . Members' suggestions on future cooperation were incorporated into the draft of the Seoul Statement.

VI. Seoul Statement

1. The Chairman proposed, based on KMI's suggestion, that the meeting would create the Seoul Statement which describes directions of cooperation through the Network. Members agreed to the Chairman's proposal.
2. Members deliberated the text of the Statement and reached a consensus on a draft Statement which reflects discussion on future cooperation.

VII. OPINEAR Website

3. The Secretariat reconfirmed the importance of information sharing through the OPINEAR Website and introduced the current status of OPINEAR Website.
4. The Secretariat proposed effective use of the Website by posting variety of information such as activities of OPINEAR and its members, international conferences, and so on.
5. Members also agreed to list the names of contact persons on the Website.

VIII. Others

1COMI introduced its missions, objectives, organization, and research focus, and showed its willingness to be a member of OPINEAR. It also listed possible areas of cooperation with OPINEAR as follows:

- A. information, experience and knowledge exchange
- B. marine policy
- C. capacity building
- D. research cooperation

The Chairman indicated the Secretariat will ask for the consent of member institutes regarding the new membership of COMI after a formal application is made by COMI.

6. The Chairman suggested RSIS host the next meeting, and RSIS accepted the suggestion. RSIS will host the next meeting in the second quarter of 2011.
7. The Secretariat will send the final draft of the Seoul Statement to the members for confirmation, and release it.

IX. Closing remarks

1. The Chairman regarded the drafting of the Seoul Statement as one big step forward, especially the identification of common areas of interest. The Secretariat will follow-up on how to advance OPINEAR's specific activities in such areas.
2. The Co-Chairman showed his satisfaction with OPINEAR's contribution to global economy, and reaffirmed KMI's intention of continued cooperation with the OPINEAR and its member institutes.