



## **Asian Shipowners' Forum Ship Recycling Committee**

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### **Joint Statement**

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at the 14th interim meeting of the Asian Shipowners' Forum (ASF)  
Ship Recycling Committee (SRC)

The 14th Interim Meeting of the ASF Ship Recycling Committee was held in Hanoi on 25 March 2011. The meeting was attended by the Secretary General of the ASF and seventeen delegates from the ASF member associations of China, Chinese Taipei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam and Hong Kong. A representative of the Vietnam Maritime Administration attended the meeting as an observer. The attendance list is attached.

The meeting was hosted by the National Association of Chinese Shipowners (NACS) and chaired by Mr. Bronson Hsieh, the Chairman of the ASF SRC.

The delegates expressed their appreciation to the Vietnam Shipowners' Association (VSA) for arranging the meeting in Hanoi.

1. The SRC greatly supports the "Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009" and notes that guidelines are being developed by the IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) to assist in the Convention's implementation.

The SRC is pleased to note that five countries, France, Netherlands, Italy, Saint Kitts and Nevis and Turkey, have signed the Convention as of March 2011. The SRC encourages the governments of the major ship recycling countries, to

consider ratifying the Convention.

2. Since shipowners will have to assume the statutory obligation to produce the Inventory of Hazardous Materials for their existing vessels within 5 years of the entry into force of the Convention, the SRC encourages cooperation between the concerned parties (governments, classification societies, shipbuilders, etc.) for the smooth preparation and development of the Inventory.

In this respect, the SRC notes that some classification societies have developed software for the development of the Inventory for new ships, and that the shipbuilding-related associations of Japan, Korea and China are cooperating with each other to produce a common manual for developing the Inventory as well as a common format for Materials Declaration.

3. According to articles in the press, the high court of Bangladesh decided to shut down ship breaking activity last year and new regulations which prevent demolition without a pre-cleaning certificate from exporting countries have been issued.

While the Committee fully supports the safe and environmentally sound recycling of ships, the SRC notes that there is concern that ship recycling capacity could potentially fall short in the near future.

4. The SRC welcomed and accepted the proposal by NACS to host the 15th Interim Meeting in Taipei.

5. Finally, it was confirmed that Asian shipowners, as major players in the global shipping industry, will continue to discuss ways in which shipowners can promote safer and more environmentally sound ship recycling.

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