Press Release

The ACS (Association of Asian Classification Societies) held its 27th Annual Executive Committee meeting (EC27) in Phu Quoc, Vietnam on 20th & 21st November 2019, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Tran Ky Hinh, General Director of Vietnam Register (VR). All 7 ACS member societies were represented and in conjunction with EC27, annual meeting among Asian Shipowners’ Association（ASA）, Active Shipbuilding Experts’ Federation（ASEF）and ACS was held successfully.

In his opening remarks the Chairman emphasized that the strategic directions of ACS are to pursue improvement of ACS Members’ performance and their technical contributions to the Asian maritime community. He also mentioned the importance to strengthen interactions and cooperation with Asian shipping and shipbuilding industry as well as Administrations in this region to promote regional maritime safety and environmental protection.

This year has witnessed ACS strengthening the monitoring work of the Safety and Environment related international conventions in IMO, and developing various technical guidelines for effective implementation of the international regulations which have been uploaded on the ACS website for the benefit of the ship owners and shipbuilders.

ACS Annual Report on PSC Inspection has been compiled and uploaded on ACS Website along with the PSC detention data for 2016~2018 of the ACS member societies’ classed vessels and analysis to provide useful guidance to ship operators and crew on board the ship. In addition to the ACS Annual PSC Report, “Questionnaire to address the top 5 detainable deficiencies in the ACS fleets” was issued as guidelines for ship operators, crew and even for ship surveyors in 2019.

ACS members at this 27th Executive Committee Meeting have unanimously elected BKI as Chair Society of ACS for the year 2020.

ACS was formally founded in February 2010 with 6 founding members that are Biro Klasifikasi Indonesia(BKI), China Classification Society(CCS), Indian Register of Shipping(IRS), Korean Register(KR), Nippon Kaiji Kyokai(NK) and Vietnam Register(VR). On 1st January 2018, Ship Classification Malaysia(SCM) became the 7th member of ACS. The purpose and aims of ACS is to promote ship safety at sea and protection of the marine environment and, in cooperation with other partners in the maritime community, and to purse improvement of ACS members’ performance and their technical contributions to the maritime community based on their accumulated technical knowledge and expertise.

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