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PRESS RELEASE

1. The 35th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Federation of ASEAN Shipowners' Associations (FASA) was hosted by the Vietnam Shipowners' Association (VSA) in Hanoi on 11 December 2009.
2. The Meeting was attended by representatives from the Filipino Shipowners' Association (FSA), the Indonesian National Shipowners' Association (INSA), the Malaysia Shipowners' Association (MASA), the Singapore Shipping Association (SSA), the Thai Shipowners' Association (TSA) and the Vietnam Shipowners' Association (VSA). At the invitation of FASA, a representative from Belait Shipping (B) Sdn Bhd in Brunei Darussalam also attended the meeting as an observer. The Myanma Five Star Line sent their apologies for being unable to attend the Meeting.
3. The Meeting was chaired by Dr Duong Chi Dzung, Chairman of FASA, who is concurrently the Chairman of VSA.
4. In his welcome address at the Opening of the FASA 35th AGM, Dr Dzung said, "The past year has been a particularly challenging one for ASEAN shipowners following the global financial crisis. I would expect shipping conditions to gradually improve as the world economy slowly recovers in 2010." He however cautioned, "We are not fully out of the woods yet. Even if trade should rebound, the shipping industry is expected to face a massive overcapacity, which was ordered during the pre – crisis boom years. Therefore we can expect the shipping market to stay depressed for a while longer in the near future."
5. The AGM, in plenary, approved the Federation's Audited Statement of Accounts 2008/2009 and the budget for 2009/2010.
6. During the AGM, the Members expressed deep concerns at the renewed upsurge in incidents of piracy for ships trading and transiting through the Gulf of Aden and off the coast of Somalia. In particular, the Meeting was extremely concerned at the increasing geographical reach of Somali pirates, with almost 20 attacks occurring in the Indian Ocean in November 2009, where no convoy system exists.
7. The Meeting acknowledged that it would not be sustainable for any government or coalition of governments to provide comprehensive naval coverage of the vast area threatened by the pirates. As the lives and safety of seafarers are seriously threatened, and in view of the concerns and anxieties suffered by their families, the Meeting therefore urged the ASEAN governments to appeal to the United Nations,

as a matter of urgency, to adopt an aggressive approach to deal with this piracy problem.

8. The Meeting further recognised the very serious threat of imminent pirate attacks and hijacks in and around the waters off Somalia, and urged all ASEAN shipowners and operators, including their ship masters and crews, to remain highly vigilant and continue following the Best Management Practices as promulgated by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO).
9. The FASA Members also reaffirmed their strong commitment to protecting the marine and air environment. The meeting stressed that any measures that will be implemented should result in real and demonstrable reductions in Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions. The Meeting also strongly emphasized that the IMO should ensure that whichever scheme adopted is uniformly applied among all flag states.
10. FASA will play a more proactive role in the ASEAN Maritime Transport Working Group to protect ASEAN shipowners' interest, in particular, to respect the existing laws and policies on cabotage of each of the FASA member countries.
11. FASA will further urge the Asian Shipowners Forum to seek representation at the IMO and other international organizations to speak up on Asian shipowner's interests.
12. Dr Dzung's two – year term as Chairman of FASA will end on 31 December 2009. To succeed Dr Dzung, the AGM unanimously elected Mr Johnson W Sutjipto, Chairman of INSA as FASA Chairman Designate. Mr Sutjipto will take on the FASA Chairmanship for a two – year term beginning 1 January 2010 and ending 31 December 2011. The AGM also unanimously elected Mr Nordin Mat Yusoff, Chairman of the Malaysia Shipowners' Association to assume the Vice – Chairmanship of FASA for the same period.
13. In his farewell address, Dr Dzung thanked all the FASA members for their strong support and cooperation during his term as Chairman. He especially thanked all the Executive Committee members for their dedication and generosity, and urged all FASA members to continue to serve and safeguard the interests of ASEAN shipping. He further wished FASA well in all its endeavours.
14. In his succession speech, Mr Sutjipto gave a vote of appreciation to Dr Dzung as FASA Chairman for 2008 - 2009. Mr. Sutjipto took the opportunity to thank all FASA members for electing him as the FASA Chairman for 2010 - 2011. He expressed deep appreciation for the strong confidence and encouragement accorded to him and agreed, with the full cooperation of all members, to continue promoting FASA as a voice for ASEAN shipowners.
15. The next meeting of FASA will be the 40th Executive Committee which will be held in conjunction with the 19th ASF in Hong Kong at the end of May 2010.

16. The delegates of INSA, MASA, FSA, SSA, TSA and the representative from Brunei Darussalam expressed their deep appreciation to VSA for hosting the 35th AGM of FASA in Hanoi in the traditional spirit of ASEAN solidarity and cordiality.

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Editor's Note:

Federation of ASEAN Shipowners' Associations (FASA)

The Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) was established on 8 August 1967. Today, ASEAN consists of ten South East Asian countries, viz, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

The Federation of ASEAN Shipowners' Associations (FASA), a voluntary trade organisation, was mooted by the ASEAN Permanent Committee on Shipping in November 1975. Currently, FASA comprises the national shipowners' associations from seven ASEAN countries, which namely are Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. The members are strongly motivated by a common desire for closer co-operation in order to increase the role of ASEAN shipping in the carriage of the region's cargoes as well as contribute to the development of intra-ASEAN trade. They also recognise the important need to adopt a common stand on regional and international shipping matters and the development of international trade.

FASA was approved as an ASEAN Non-Governmental Organisation at the 5th Meeting of the 14th ASEAN Standing Committee which was held in Manila on 21 May 1981.

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