Maritime Search and Rescue Cooperation among China and ASEAN member states

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The maritime transport and communication are growing in scale and acquiring a much greater significance. It is estimated that three quarters of global trade will be made via maritime routes and two thirds of that will be shipped across East Sea which includes South China Sea.

Lives at sea usually face great dangers of lost or been devastated by human or natural disasters.

There is no single nation alone has ability to respond to those threats, so we need to enhance the cooperation and to explore our pragmatic way to respond in saving lives.
In August 2013, the Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi proposed to effectively take advantage of the maritime cooperation fund provided by China and strengthen the maritime cooperation among China and ASEAN member states.

At the 6th Senior Official Meeting of China and ASEAN Member States’ Implementing the DOC in September of 2013, China formally proposed the project of Maritime Joint Search and Rescue Tabletop and Filed Exercise among China and ASEAN member states for the purpose of promoting the practical maritime search and rescue cooperation between China and ASEAN member states.

The proposal has been supported by the delegates of all ASEAN member states and determined jointly by the leaders of China and ASEAN Member States.
10. We reaffirmed our commitment to the full and effective implementation of the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC) in its entirety as well as to work towards the early conclusion of a Code of Conduct in the South China Sea (COC) based on consensus. We supported the implementation of early harvest measures, including the adoption of the first list of commonalities on COC consultation, the establishment of a hotline platform among search and rescue agencies, a hotline among foreign ministries on maritime emergencies, and a table-top exercise on search and rescue to promote and enhance trust and confidence in the region.
China MRCC held two coordination meetings of Tabletop Exercise among China and ASEAN member states to discuss the master plan and the script in November, 2015 and July, 2016 in Guangzhou, China.

On September 27 and 28, 2016, the formal Tabletop Exercise has been held in Guangzhou. Delegates from Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia and Myanmar presented. After the Tabletop Exercise, delegates held discussions and reached agreement to hold the search and rescue Field Exercise in China in 2017.
Table-top Exercise
Sep.27, 2016, Guangzhou, China
China MRCC held two coordination meetings before the Field Exercise in May, 2017 and Aug., 2017 in Guangzhou China and Zhanjiang, China respectively.

1ST Field Exercise coordination meeting
May 11,2017,Guangzhou, China

2nd Field Exercise coordination meeting
Aug. 22,2017,Zhanjiang, China
The formal field exercise was held on 31, Oct. 2017, Zhanjiang, China

20 vessels, 2 helicopters, 8 rescue teams, and more than 1000 personnel participated in the exercise

Vice minister of China Ministry of Transport, He jianzhong was present

Brunei, Cambodia, Lao, Myanmar, Philippine, Thailand sent total 57 personnel

Before the exercise:

◆ Ceremonies of opening of SAR Hotline with Cambodia NCMS and agreement signing of SAR Hotline with Cambodia SSCA and department of civil aviation of LAO, respectively

◆ Bilateral meeting with delegation of Philippine and Cambodia, respectively, hosted by Vice minister of China Ministry of Transport, He jianzhong
SAR Hotline agreement signing ceremony between CTTIC(China) and SSCA(Cambodia)  
Oct.31,2017,Zhanjiang, China

SAR Hotline agreement signing ceremony between CTTIC(China) and DCA(Lao)  
Oct.31,2017,Zhanjiang, China
Opening ceremony of SAR Hotline between China and Cambodia  
Oct.31, 2017, Zhanjiang, China

Opening ceremony of Maritime SAR information platform among China and ASEAN member states  
Oct.31, 2017, Zhanjiang, China
Bilateral meeting with Philippine delegation
Hosted by Vice minister, HE jianzhong
Oct.31, 2017, Zhanjiang, China

Bilateral meeting with Cambodia delegation
Hosted by Vice minister, HE jianzhong
Oct.31, 2017, Zhanjiang, China
HE jianzhong was announcing the start of the exercise

Guests observed the exercise
Search and Rescue actions during the exercise
Various types of SAR forces participate in the exercise
Participants showed great passion to the exercise and enjoyed
SIENG SELOSKE (left), Chief of RCC of Cambodia and GARCIA (right), Officer-in-charge of PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD
Were interviewed by the press and spoke highly of the exercise
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10. In this connection, we welcome the positive outcomes of the 6th Senior Officials' Meeting and the 9th Joint Working Group Meeting on the Implementation of the DOC on 14-15 September 2013 in Suzhou, China, including the progress made on strengthening practical maritime cooperation and the official consultations on a COC. We look forward to the development of hotline communications in order to respond expeditiously to situations at sea, including search and rescue of persons and vessels in distress. We agree to promote trust, build confidence, and encourage concerned parties to prevent incidents at sea if they occur. We will continue to strengthen the implementation of the DOC and maintain the momentum of the regular official consultations and work towards the adoption of the COC as provided for by the DOC, so as to enhance confidence, mutual trust and maintain peace, stability and prosperity in the region, among others.
Background

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Objective

Interconnectivity
To provide 24-hour connection for the maritime SAR agencies between Thailand and China

Joint Action
To set up a more efficient way to deal with major accidents for the maritime SAR agencies

Interaction
To share information, exchange professional and advanced technologies and equipment
Progress - Cambodia

- On 28th Dec. 2016, China and Cambodia held the workshop of establishment of SAR hotline. Both sides agreed that the hotline will be implemented in China and Cambodia and signed the meeting minutes.
- On 25th Apr. 2017, the signing ceremony was held in Beijing. CTTIC and NCMS signed the agreement on behalf of China and Cambodia.
- In Sep. 2017, equipment installation is completed in Cambodia NCMS.
Progress - Cambodia
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Progress - Lao

- On 28th Dec. 2016, China and Lao held the workshop of establishment of SAR hotline. Both sides signed the meeting minutes.
- On 31st, Oct. Both sides signed the agreement in Zhanjiang, China.
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More Maritime Search and Rescue Cooperation Between China and ASEAN Member States
In May 2015, China Maritime Search and Rescue Center dispatched rescue team and vessels to Malaysia to participate in ARF DiREx 2015.
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In July 2017, China maritime search and rescue center held the ASEAN Member States Maritime search and rescue coordinator training class in Shanghai, 23 rescue coordinators from 8 ASEAN Member States participated in the training.
4 Future Vision
First, be honest with each other and establish a smooth communication mechanism.

We would like to discuss the bilateral and multilateral cooperation documents on maritime search and rescue with the AMS. We will, as always, make full use of the China - ASEAN Transport Minister Meetings to promote dialogue and exchange between countries on the ASEAN Search and Rescue forum.

In 2018, China will convene a seminar named “Exchange of Maritime Search and Rescue Technology·East Asia Summit”.
II. Lay a good foundation, and carry out bilateral and multilateral cooperation

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China is willing to actively promote “ChinA-ASEAN Member States maritime emergency rescue hotline”. We expect more countries to participate in.

China will continue to develop "ASEAN Member States maritime search and rescue coordinator training course".
III. Step by step, promote the normalization of cooperation.

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China and ASEAN Member States to make search and rescue cooperation become normalized, and to establish a comprehensive cooperation in joint research and rescue, coordination and command, personnel training, information announcement etc.
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