

# **Maritime Search and Rescue Cooperation among China and ASEAN member states**

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An aerial photograph showing a fleet of maritime search and rescue vessels on the open ocean. The vessels are scattered across the horizon, with one larger vessel in the foreground on the left. The sky is overcast and the water is dark blue with whitecaps.

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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.



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**CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT OF THE 17<sup>TH</sup> ASEAN-CHINA SUMMIT**

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- 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.

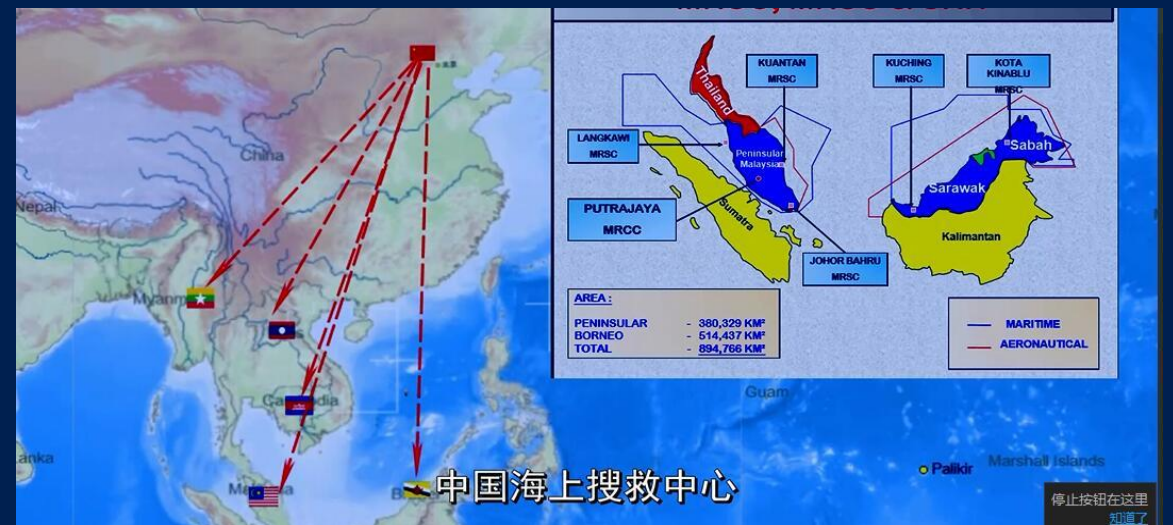
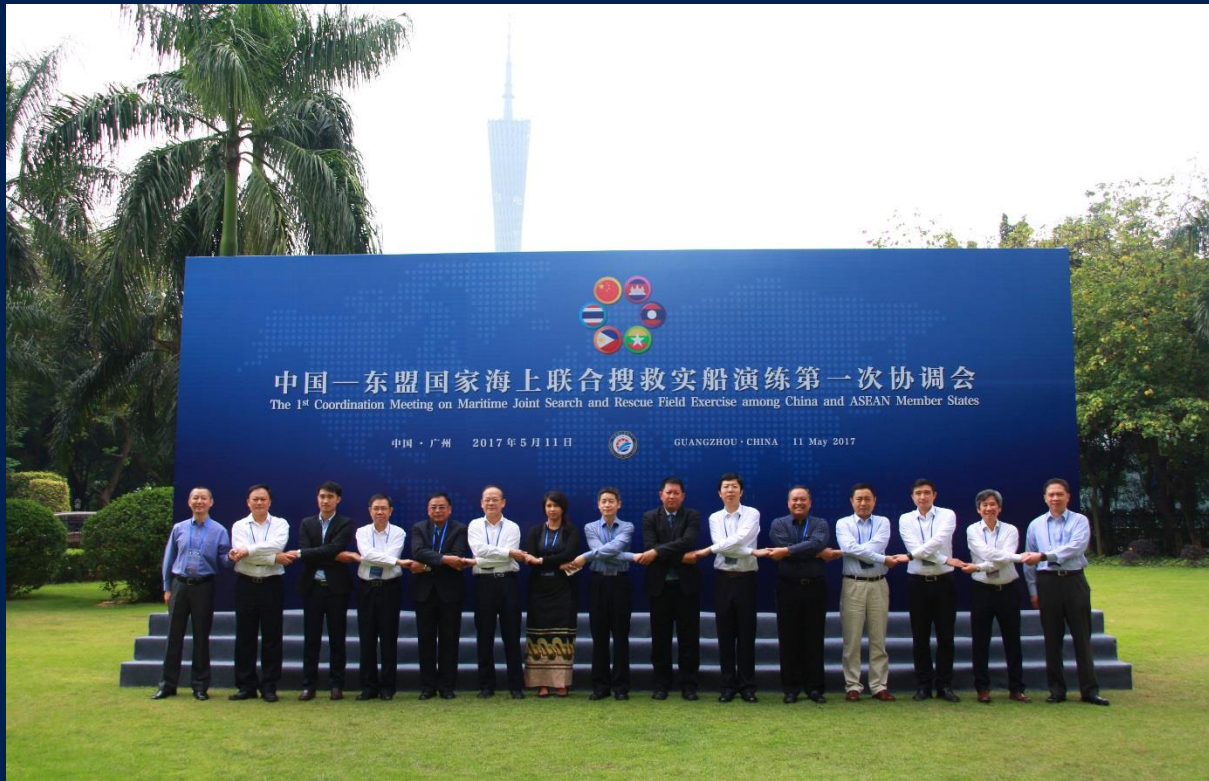


Table-top Exercise  
Sep.27,2016,Guangzhou, China



- China MRCC held two coordination meetings before the Field Exercise in May, 2017 and Aug., 2017 in Guangzhou China and Zhanjiang, China respectively.



**1<sup>ST</sup> Field Exercise coordination meeting  
May 11,2017,Guangzhou, China**



**2<sup>ND</sup> 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**

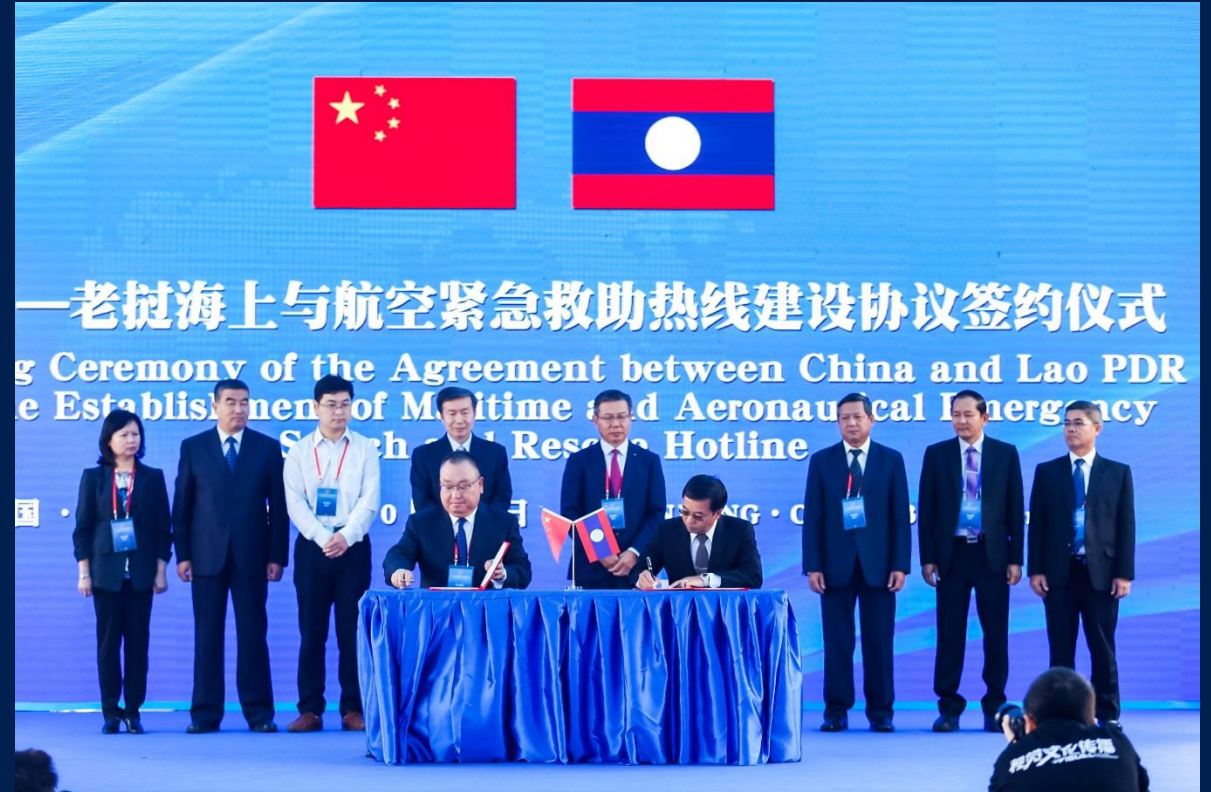
**Before the exercise:**

**◆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**



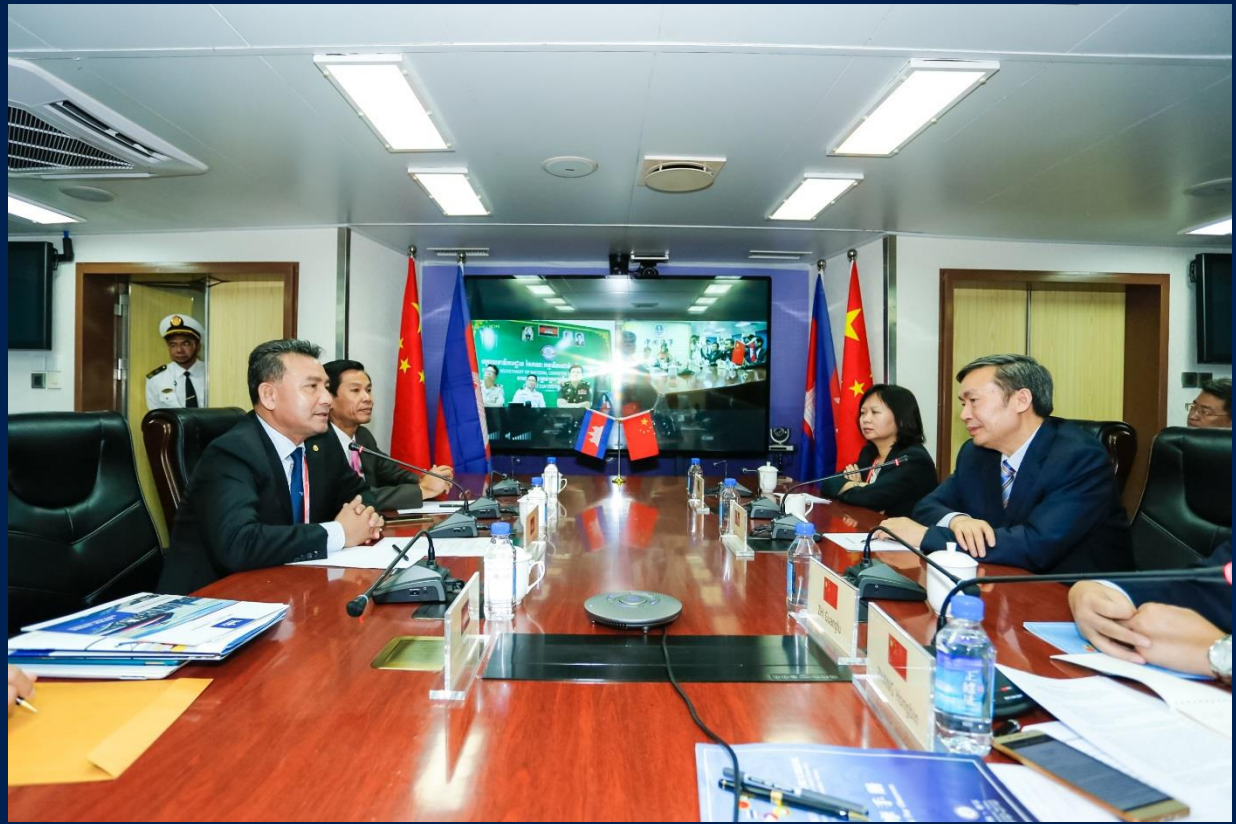
**Opening ceremony of SAR Hotline between  
China and Cambodia  
Oct.31,2017,Zhanjiang, China**



**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  
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**Bilateral meeting with Cambodia delegation  
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1 HE jianzhong was announcing the start of the exercise  
2-4 Guests observed the exercise



Snapshot of the field 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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## THE MARITIME EMERGENCY SEARCH AND RESCUE HOTLINE AMONG CHINA AND ASEAN MEMBER STATES



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**China Maritime Search and Rescue Coordination Center  
China Transport Telecommunications & Information Center**

# Background



## Joint Statement of the 16<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-China Summit on Commemoration of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership

10. In this connection, we welcome the positive outcomes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Senior Officials' Meeting and the 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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
- On 31st, Oct. Formal opening ceremony held in Zhanjiang, China.

# Progress - Cambodia



# Progress - Cambodia



# Progress - Lao

- On 28th Dec. 2016, China and Lao held the workshop of establishment of SAR hotline. Both sides signed the meeting minutes.
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**More Maritime Search and Rescue  
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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 March 2015, the Ministry of Transport of People's Republic of China and the National Search and Rescue Agency of the Republic of Indonesia signed a “Memorandum of Understanding on Maritime Search and Rescue Cooperation’. In November, 2015, China- Indonesia national maritime search and rescue table-top exercise achieved great success.



# More Maritime Search and Rescue Cooperation Between China and ASEAN Member States

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.





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## **Future Vision**

## **I. Be honest with each other and establish a smooth communication mechanism.**

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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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Second, lay a good foundation, and carry out bilateral and multilateral cooperation.

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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Third, step by step, promote the normalization of cooperation.

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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