



CESS, Committee for Expertise of Shipbuilding Specifics held its annual meeting in Gyeongju Korea on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011 where the members associations Japan, Europe, China, Korea and U.S.A. gathered and discussed key issues surrounding the global shipbuilding industry.

The meeting made the review on its activities in the past year and activities expected in the year ahead, and exchanged views to seek further cooperation in voicing common opinion on important issues.

The meeting observed that CESS continued to appeal to the counterparts of the maritime industry of the importance to share views on important matters to find practical solutions in harmony with each other.

The subjects of discussion encompassed the important ongoing issues, where particular attention was directed to the issue on reduction of GHG emissions, where the CESS members have participated in a number of occasions to share the common perception of the Energy *Efficiency* Design Index (EEDI) among the stake holders which is essential in seeking practical and effective solutions for new building ships, and resulted in the adoption of the EEDI concept for newbuildings at the earlier held IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee at its 62<sup>nd</sup> Session. The CESS members further shared the understanding that the shipbuilding industry plays an important role in the EEDI scheme, and it will be necessary for the shipbuilders to get prepared to work closely with the shipowners to enable the scheme to function smoothly.

Further issues discussed covers other environmentally related issues in the shipbuilding industry and the on-going common structural rule harmonisation in link with the goal-based standards.

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The opinions were also exchanged on the anti-piracy measures, which are greatly affecting the current business of the shipowners.

The report on Port State Control activities both in Paris and Tokyo MOU during 2010 were made, and it was noted that both regions were steadily carrying out their activities as in the previous years. The report confirms the observations made in the past years that shipbuilding quality related deficiencies are continuing to be on the decline. But the shipbuilding industry is calling for further attention to the importance of carrying out proper repair and maintenance timely. In the Paris MOU, decline in deficiencies and detentions were noted as opposed to the Tokyo MOU, but there is a separate observation that substantial decline in repair activities was seen in Europe, suggesting that further attention is worthwhile to see that the ships continue to be maintained and repaired in good intervals in the coming years when the market may still be waiting for recovery.

CESS member associations noted that, in the year ahead, there will be a need to further activate the actions to effectively promote solutions in the desired direction, and agreed to support the continuation of the activities and the CESS and make report of the results of this meeting to JECKU Top Executive Meeting scheduled to take place in Jeju between 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

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