



CESS, Committee for Expertise of Shipbuilding Specifics (CESS) held its annual meeting in Busan, Korea on 13 July, 2016 where the member associations, Japan, Europe, China, Korea and U.S.A. gathered and discussed key issues surrounding the global shipbuilding industry. The meeting was hosted by Korea. The delegates reviewed CESS's activities from the past year and the activities expected to come, and exchanged views to seek further cooperation in voicing common opinions on shipbuilding issues.

The participants agreed that CESS continued to appeal as a platform to share views and develop common positions on important issues, especially regulatory, and to communicate these to counterpart organisations in the maritime industry, and will do so harmoniously with another shipbuilders' association Active Shipbuilding Experts' Federation, or ASEF established November last year, by complementing their activities for common objectives and goals.

The delegates discussed important ongoing issues, in particular, the reduction of GHG emissions from ships, where the EEDI scheme has passed the halfway point this year of Phase 1 and is focusing on Phase 2 onwards, and with the Paris Agreement now in place, the expectations are mounting on energy saving technologies that the shipbuilders are expected to play an important role in achieving the goals set by the coming phases of EEDI scheme. The shipbuilding industry continues to contribute towards practical and effective solutions for new building ships and existing ships.

Furthermore various ongoing issues such as the protection of intellectual property rights while fulfilling the design transparency

requirements for safety under the IMO Goal Based Standards, industry guidelines on the standards were developed to be duly noted by IMO, and this was the first time achievement of the cross industry effort of ship owners, classification societies and shipbuilders, where all CESS members participated in the hard work towards this notable achievement.

An assessment on Port State Control activities as part of the Paris and Tokyo MOU's during 2015 was made. It was noted that both regions were steadily carrying out their port state control activities as in previous years which suggests that the quality of the ships are generally improving. The report showed that the shipbuilding quality related deficiencies were kept at low levels, and that ship detentions have been improved in relation to previous years. The ship types which characterises aged ships, such as reefer fleet and general cargo fleet have shown above average detention rates. An improvement of these detentions may be possible as the older ships will be replaced in the future by new ships or, other ship types.

The rule and regulations governing the maritime industry is changing as the needs are on the increase, and the shipbuilders need to take further active role in contributing their expertise into those rules and regulations. CESS member associations noted that closer ties among its members are becoming more and more important and effective for the future prosperity of the industry. In the year ahead, further activities and the effective promotion of joint solutions for the aforementioned issues is essential to continue the work of CESS.

CESS will report on its activities at the forthcoming meeting of the JECKU (Shipbuilding) Top Executive Meeting scheduled to take place in Gyeongju, Korea, on 20 October, 2016.

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