

PIANC 125th Anniversary Celebration in Asia comes to successful end

PIANC-Japan

1. Celebration Event

For the 125th anniversary of PIANC, the organizing committee chaired by the Director General of the Port and Harbour Bureau, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), Mr. Hayashida hosted a celebration event in the Asian region between the 12th and 14th September 2010 in Nagoya. The Westin Nagoya Castle hotel and the Nagoya Harbor Hall of Nagoya Port Authority served as the venues for the event.

About 700 participants including about 80 persons from 41 countries took part in the celebration. The event was honored by the attendance of His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince. Other distinguished guests were; Mr. E. Van den Eede (President of PIANC), Mr. L. Van Schel (Secretary General of PIANC), Mr. Geoffroy Caude (Chairperson of MarCom), Mr. Ian White (Chairperson of InCom), Mr. Harold Kothe (Chairperson of EnviCom), Mr. Seiji Maehara (Minister of MLIT), Mr. Takashi Shinohara (Vice-minister of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)), Mr. Masaaki Kanda (Governor of Aich Prefecture), Mr. Hiroshi Katagiri (Vice-governor of Aich Prefecture), Mr. Takashi Kawamura (Mayor of Nagoya City), Mr. Noboru Hidaka (Chairperson of Aich Prefectural Assembly), Mr. Toshiaki Yokoi (Chairperson of Nagoy City Assembly) and Mr. Jiro Takahashi (Vice-chairperson of Nagoya Chamber of Commerce) among others.

The opening address was delivered by the Minister of MLIT followed by addresses of PIANC president, the Governor and the Mayor. Finally, the Crown Prince deliver an address in which he admired PIANC's long term contributions to the development of waterborne transport in the world and congratulated PIANC on its 125th anniversary. He also recalled his lecture "The Thames as Highway" given during the Congress in Osaka in 1990 and his participation in the World Water Forum in 2008 held in Istanbul. The president of PIANC then gave a special lecture to commemorate the event. Mr. Hayashida, the chairperson of the organizing committee, announce the "Nagoya Declaration" as attached on the occasion of the event. Then, the celebration event was closed by the Vice-minister of MAFF.



The Celebration Ceremony and Address by HH The Crown Prince

2. International Seminars

Two international seminars were held on the first and second days of the event. The themes of the seminars were; International Seminar I, “Coastal and Inland Waterborne Transport and Regional Development” and International Seminar II, “Dredging and Environment”. Details of the seminars are provided in the attached programs.



Participants of the Seminars



Presenters and Coordinator of the Seminar I

3. Social Events

During the event, the following social events were held;

(1) Welcome Reception

A welcome reception took place at a banquet hall of The Westin Nagoya Castle from 18:00 to 20:00 on Sept. 12th sponsored by the Organizing Committee. Music and dancing performances were enjoyed during the reception.



Welcome Reception



Dance and Drumming Performances
of Youngsters of Nagoya

(2) Aquarium Dinner

A dinner was held by the Nagoya Port Authority at its aquarium from 19:00 to 21:00 on Sept.13th. A dolphin show was performed before starting the dinner which then took place in front of a large water tank of the aquarium.



Address by the PIANC President



Dolphin Show

(3) Port Cruise and Nagoya Castle and Toyota Museum Observation Tour

A port cruise on a large commercial ferry boat for observing facilities of Nagoya Port was conducted on Sept 14th. Participants were able to experience a performance by traditional Japanese music instrument known as the “Koto” as well as try on the traditional Japanese attire such as the “Kimono” and try their hand at catching goldfish. Lunch was also provided. Participants, particularly those from abroad, enjoyed this traditional Japanese cultural event very much.



Participants wearing “Kinomo” with the mascot of Nagoya Port



Participants scooping up goldfish

Originally, the Nagoya Castle was constructed about 400 years ago by Tokugawa Shogun Nate and it is a one of Japan’s most historically important buildings. Participants were able to learn what a traditional Japanese style castle is. The observation program included a visit of the Toyota Museum where vintage cars fabricated by Toyota produce are exhibited. Participants learn about the history and technology of Toyota Motor.

(4) Farewell Dinner

On the last day of the event, a farewell dinner was provided at the Tokugawa Art Museum where historical goods and paintings produced about 450 years ago during the Tokugawa Shogun Nate period which lasted about 300 years were on display. Participants were fascinated by and admired the 450-year old historical goods.

During the farewell party, Nagoya youngsters wearing old armor of the Tokugawa Shogun

Nate did a performance of “Samurai” to entertain participants.



The entrance of the Tokugawa Museum



Nagoya City Mayor making address with “Samurai “ warriors

4. Closing

The PIANC 125th Anniversary Celebration Event in Asia lasted 4 days and was graced by the attendance of HIH the Crown Prince and distinguished guests from abroad as well as from Japan. Thanks to the support of PIANC headquarters and presenters of the seminars and other staff involved, the event was a great success. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all who participated in the event.

Through this success, we are confident that we will be able to contribute in the future to enhance PIANC activities not only in Asia but also throughout the world.

The presentation materials given during the event will be available from a website of the PIANC-Japan home page (www.pianc-jp.org/en).

“Nagoya Declaration”

The Organizing Committee for the PIANC 125th Anniversary Celebration in Asia, in Nagoya, Aichi, Japan on 12 September 2010,

Takes special pleasure in welcoming His Imperial Highness,

Expresses its deepest gratitude to Mr. Eric Van Den Eede, the President of PIANC, and to the many other honored participants for attending this event,

Notes the outstanding contribution of PIANC toward sustainable economic and cultural development by promoting maintenance and advancement of waterborne transport over the past 125 years,

Endorses active efforts by PIANC in developing energy-efficient and environmentally friendly coastal and inland waterborne transport, and for addressing vital environmental issues such as global warming and the improvement of the marine environment, and

Declares its intention to further contribute to the world’s development through expanded PIANC activities in Asia, taking this opportunity to host the PIANC 125th Anniversary celebration in Asia in a situation that significance of waterborne transport has been increased in supporting Asia’s remarkable economic growth and connection with the rest of the world.

Nagoya, Aichi, JAPAN

12th September 2010

International Seminar I

“Coastal and Inland Waterborne Transport and Regional Development”

Date: 13:30~17:00, September 12th (Sun), 2010

Venue: TEHSHU Banquet Hall, The Westin Nagoya Castle

Coordinator: Prof. Tatsuhiko IKEDA, Dean, International Graduate School of Social Sciences,
Yokohama National University (YNU), Japan

Program

(1) Presentations

- 1) Mr. Ian White, InCom Chairperson, PIANC
“The Benefit of Inland Water Transport”
- 2) Mr. Tran Thi Tuyet Mai Anh, Deputy Director, Department of International Cooperation,
Vietnam Maritime Administration, Socialist Republic of Viet Nam
“Inland Water Transport in Mekong River”
- 3) Mr. Ros Sophornna, Director, Department of Waterway, Ministry of Public Works and
Transport, Kingdom of Cambodia
“Current Situation of Water Transport in Cambodia”
- 4) Mr. Vanthong Somphavath, Deputy Director General, Department of Waterways, Ministry of
Public Works and Transport, Lao People's Democratic Republic
“Inland Waterborne Transport in Mekong River and Its Effect for the Regional Development”
- 5) Mr. Park Jun Kwon, Director of Port Policy Division, Port Development Policy Bureau,
MLTM, Republic of Korea
“Port Policy of Korea”
- 6) Ass. Prof. Yifei Zhao, Deputy Dean, Department of International Shipping, School of Naval
Architecture, Ocean and Civil Engineering, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, People's Republic
of China
“Development of River-Sea Transport in Changjiang river Delta”
- 7) Dr. Yasuhiro Akakura, Director of Port Planning Division, Port and Harbour Department,
National Institute for Land and Infrastructure Management, Japan
“Development and Recent Situation of Coastal Waterborne Transport in Japan”

(2) Discussions

(3) Q and A

(4) Summary

International Seminar II “Dredging and Environment”

Date: 9:30~12:30, September 13th (Mon), 2010

Venue: Nagoya Harbor Hall (Nagoya Port Authority)

Coordinator: Dr. Yoshiyuki Nakamura, Distinguished Researcher,
Port and Airport Research Institute, Japan

Program

(1) Presentation

- 1) Mr. Harald Köthe, EnviCom Chairperson, PIANC
“Dredging and Environment- international guidance for best practice”
- 2) Mr. Geoffroy Caude, MarCom Chairperson, PIANC
“Dredging and Environment-MarCom contributions”
- 3) Prof. Kisaburo Nakata, School of Marine Science and Technology, Tokai University, Japan
“Effective Use of Dredged Sand to Create the Habitat of Bivalves in Mikawa Bay”
- 4) Dr. Gil Lim Yoon, Senior Researcher, Coastal Harbor Engineering Lab, Korea Ocean Research & Development Institute (KORDI), Republic of Korea
“Environmental Standards for Beneficial Use of Dredged Materials in Korea”
- 5) Mr. Jianfei Zhu, Director of Scientific Research Management Department, Yangtze Estuary Waterway Administration Bureau, Ministry of Transport, People’s Republic of China
“Dredging Construction and Environmental Protection on the Improvement Project of Deep-draft Channel of Yangtze Estuary”
- 6) Ir. Richard Jose Lino, President Director, PT Pelindo II, Republic of Indonesia
“A Success Story of Trisakti Port, Banjarmasin”

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