SUMMARY REPORT

ASEAN Hydroinformatics Data Centre (AHC)

September 2019

INTRODUCTION

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Summary of AHC Activity

1. Nomination of Members

a. After the approval of TOR, Hydro – Informatics Institute (HII), Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation (MHESI), Thailand, as a secretariat of the centre has contacted ASEAN Secretariat through National COSTI Chairman for the nomination of AHC members from all AMS. As of 15th September 2019, the nominated member for AHC is as following:

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2. The First Meeting of ASEAN Hydroinformatics Data Centre (AHC)

- a. The First AHC Meeting was organized on 18 March 2019 at Kappa room, Pullman Bangkok King Power hotel, Bangkok, Thailand. The Meeting was chaired by Dr. Sutat Weesakul, Director, Hydro - Informatics Institute (HII), Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST), Thailand. The full report of the First AHC Meeting appears as <u>ANNEX 1.</u>
- b. The Meeting was attended by delegates from the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam. Representatives from HAII were also in attendance.

c. <u>Introduction to AHC</u>

- Dr. Sutat Weesakul, Director, Hydro Informatics Institute (HII), Ministry of Science and Technology of Thailand, introduced the background and history of the initiation of AHC to the Meeting.
- ii. Dr. Royboon Rassameethes, Deputy Director, Hydro Informatics Institute (HII), Ministry of Science and Technology of Thailand, introduced the endorsed Terms of Reference (TOR) of AHC to the Meeting.

d. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

- i. Dr. Sutat Weesakul, Director, Hydro Informatics Institute (HII), Ministry of Science and Technology of Thailand, was elected as Chairman of AHC.
- ii. Dr. Ng Wun Jern, Professor, Environmental Bio-innovations Group (EBiG), School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, was elected as Vice-Chair of AHC.

e. Contributions and Needs from Member Countries

i. All Member defined contributions and needs from their own country to the AHC. The Meeting discussed on three main focuses of the AHC, which are;
 1) Knowledge Sharing 2) Technology Matching and 3) Capacity Building. The Members will focus on common technologies that have been implemented in many countries, such as telemetry technology.

ii. Each country delivered draft information on the contributed technologies to the AHC and will further discuss within their own country to formally develop their own work plan. The contributions and needs from each country are appeared as <u>ANNEX 2</u>.

f. Meeting Format

 The Meeting agreed to meet twice a year via video conference and face-toface. The Meeting place will be informed by AHC Chairman and Secretariat team.

3. AHC-related Activities

a. AHC meeting with Vietnamese Members

- i. The appointment of Vietnamese lead members and a KOL for the AHC has been confirmed on July 2019 after the First AHC Meeting in March 2019.
- ii. On 11th September 2019, AHC Chairman and secretariat team from HII visited Vietnamese members for the introduction of AHC and discussion on the future plan, contributions and needs of Vietnam. Vietnamese members have summarized their contributions and needs as appeared in ANNEX 2.

b. Capacity Building in Lao PDR and Myanmar

- i. HII, as a member of AHC, involved in capacity development project sponsored by The Coca-Cola Foundation and The World Bank Group in Lao PDR and Myanmar respectively. The details of activities are as follows:
 - Joint Research and Development Project on Science and Technology Usage for Water Resource Management in Ban Yai Nacharoen, Sangthong District, Vientiane, Lao PDR
 - In response to AHC frameworks: knowledge sharing, technology matching, and capacity building, this project mainly focuses on the transfer of technology and knowledge of Thailand on the implementation of science and technology for water resources management at community level with support from The Coca-Cola Foundation. It is the scale up of Thailand's good practices on Community Water Resource Management by the adaptation of science and technology to other countries, especially the country with similar background like ASEAN.
 - 2. Ayeyarwady Integrated River Basin Management (AIRBM) Project, Myanmar – Development of the Ayeyarwady Decision Support System and Basin Master Plan

The project is funded by World Bank to Myanmar government for developing the institutions and tools needed to enable informed decision making in the management of Myanmar's water resources and to implement integrated river basin management of the Ayeyarwady Basin. AIRBM project involved with many local, international, regional, as well as global agencies, for example DWIR, DHI, HII, and World Bank. Role of HII in AIRBM project is to demonstrate the application of STI, for example MIKE HYDRO BASIN, and 1-Dimensional Hydrodynamic Modelling which helps strengthening Myanmar's capacity in water resource management.

Future Plan

Next meeting will be organized in Thailand on December 2019 as a back-to-back with the "International Conference on Policies, Laws and Regulations for Water Resources Management in Southeast Asia Countries" organized by Konrad Adenauer Stiftung and water-related agencies in Thailand.

ANNEX 1: Report of the First AHC Meeting

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AGENDA ITEM 1: WELCOME REMARKS

- 8. Dr. Sutat Weesakul, Director, Hydro Informatics Institute (HII), Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST), Thailand warmly welcomed the participants in attending the First AHC Member Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand. He expressed his confidence that AHC will be an ASEAN platform to move forward together in sharing, accelerating, and strengthening regional collaboration.
- 9. The Meeting noted the welcome remarks by Dr. Sutat Weesakul, Director, Hydro Informatics Institute (HII), Ministry of Science and Technology, Thailand. He expressed sincere appreciation to the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) of Thailand for the

arrangement and hospitality provided to all the participants and to AMSs during various activities hosted by MOST Thailand to enhance STI collaboration in the region.

AGENDA ITEM 2: INTRODUCTION

- 10. Dr. Sutat Weesakul, Director, Hydro Informatics Institute (HII), Ministry of Science and Technology of Thailand, invite all participants to introduced themselves to the Meeting.
- 11. Dr. Sutat Weesakul, Director, Hydro Informatics Institute (HII), Ministry of Science and Technology of Thailand, introduced the background and history of the initiation of AHC to the Meeting.
- 12. Dr. Royboon Rassameethes, Deputy Director, Hydro Informatics Institute (HII), Ministry of Science and Technology of Thailand, introduced the endorsed Terms of Reference (TOR) of AHC to the Meeting.
- 13. The Meeting acknowledged the background and TOR of AHC. All members will share non-confidential knowledge/data, technology, and knowledge to the centre. The Meeting noted that the TOR can be amended according to comments from the floor. However, the revised TOR must be approved through SCMIT and ASEAN Committee on Science, Technology, and Innovation (ASEAN COSTI).

AGENDA ITEM 3: ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

- 14. Dr. Sutat Weesakul, Director, Hydro Informatics Institute (HII), Ministry of Science and Technology of Thailand, was elected as Chairman of AHC.
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AGENDA ITEM 4: CONTRIBUTIONS AND NEEDS FROM MEMBER COUNTRIES

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AGENDA ITEM 5: MEETING FORMAT

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ANNEX 1: List of Delegates for the First ASEAN Hydroinformatics Data Centre (AHC)

Meeting

Country	Position	Delegates	
Cambodia			
		General Department of ICT, Ministry of Posts and	
		Telecommunications	
	Key Opinion	Mr. HOEUNG Kimsay, National Committee on Science	
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Indonesia	Lead Member	Dr. Adam Pamudji Raharjo, Education and Research	
		staff, Research Group Coordinator on Hydroinformatics,	
		Faculty of Civil Engineering, University of Gadjah Mada,	
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	Key Opinion	Dr. Andung Bayu Sekaranom, Faculty of Geography,	
	Leader	University of Gadjah Mada, Indonesia	
	Partner	Dr. Hidayat, Natual Hazard Division, Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI)	
	Partner	Hartanto Sanjaya, Center of Technology for Regional	
		Resources Development, Agency for the Assessment	
		and Application of Technology	
	Partner	Dr. Ketut Wikantika, Center for Remote Sensing,	
		Bandung Institute of Technology (ITB)	
Lao PDR	Lead Member	Mr. Saysongkham PHANOUVONG, Institute of	
		Technology Computer and Electronic	
	Key Opinion	Mr. Maity SIRIRATH, Technology Computer and	
	Leader	Electronics Institute	
	Key Opinion	Mr. Bounhieng SOUVANNAHANE, Department of	
	Leader	Meteorology and Hydrology	
Malaysia Lead Member		Prof. Dr. Edy Tonnizam Mohamad, Centre of Tropical	
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	Key Opinion	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmad Athif Bin Mohd Faudzi, Center	
	Leader	for Artificial Intelligence & Robotics, Universiti Teknolog	
		Malaysia	
	Key Opinion	Dr Azlin binti Ahmad, Universiti Teknologi MARA	
	Leader		
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		Ministry of Transport and Communications (MOTC)	
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Philippines Key Opinion Dr. Joel S. Marciano Jr., D		Dr. Joel S. Marciano Jr., DOST-ASTI on data and	
	Leader	computing infrastructure	
Singapore	Lead Member	Prof. Ng Wun Jern, Nanyang Technology University	
Thailand	Lead Member	Dr. Sutat Weesakul, Hydro - Informatics Institute (HII)	
	Key Opinion	Dr. Somkiat Apipattanavis, Expert on Planning and	
	Leader	Project, Office of National Water Rersources	

Country	Position	Delegates	
Vietnam	Lead Member	Dr. Huynh Thi Lan Huong, Deputy Director General, Viet	
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		Change, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment	
	Key Opinion	Nguyen The Hoang Anh, Assistant to Director, Institute	
	Leader	of Information Technology (IOIT), Vietnam Academy of	
		Science and Technology (VAST)	
	Key Opinion	Dr. Nguyen Quang Hung, Faculty of Hydrology,	
	Leader	Meteorology, and Oceanography, Vietnam National	
		University	

Other Participants

- 1) Representatives from Hydro Informatics Institute (HII), Ministry of Science and Technology, Thailand
- 2) Representatives from National Electronics and Computer Technology Center (NECTEC), Ministry of Science and Technology, Thailand

Representative from Friends in Need (of "PA") Volunteers Foundation, Thai Red Cross

ANNEX 2: Contribution and Needs from Member Countries

Contributions from AHC Members

Countries	Knowledge Sharing	Technology Matching	Capacity Building
Brunei		<u> </u>	
Cambodia	- Governance	 Define common software to manage hydroinformation for AMS Define sharing system platform for AHC Define technology development standard 	 Co-creation using standard technology Joint development resource such as manpower
Indonesia	 Disaster management Community-based sustainable telemetry system 	 Modeling Simple telemetry system Asia-Pacific Center for Ecohydrology (UNESCO CAT-2 () 	- Sediment-related disaster management (Primary/Secondary Volcanic disaster) - Training
Lao PDR	- Software for lower Mekong (from MRC) on water level & rainfall	- Manual/Auto Telemetry (HYMET software)	-
Malaysia	- Open database (open government data) freely access for public/ researcher. Also allowed to use the data for other purposes, especially research. http://www.data.gov.my/	- MDEC (Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation) initiated ADAX (ASEAN Data Analytics Exchanged), focus on developing talents in order to support ir4.0 – the national agenda have many data scientist that can do analytics	-
Myanmar	- Experiences on disaster encounter	- Hydromet station	Modeling capacity (hydraulic, flood management)
Philippines	 DRRM Data use policy/ Data management and integration practices KOL (Joel) will confirm with responsible Philippines agencies on the participation of Philippines 	- Sensor network (including connectivity)	- GIS - Remote sensing - Data science & analytic (machine learning & AI)
Singapore	- Non-Technical: structure of flood control program, governance	Mathemetical model & visualization (urban situation)Sensors on/off shore	IHLTechnical - NanyangNontechnical - ministry

Countries	Knowledge Sharing	Technology Matching	Capacity Building
	- Share urban water management and its good practices	- Desalination - Water reclaimation	
Thailand	 CWRM Development of water/weather/disaster risk data system Info from ThaiWater.net 	 Transfer suitable technology (e.g. simple & easy Telemetry station) QGIS (low-cost software) via good practices site 	 Prioritize CB needed Training + Budget support (need the right organization/ person)
Vietnam	 Share hydroinformatics from MRC & Vietnam (Share project and experiences) Experience on hydrometeorology modeling (IMHEN) Near real time drought warning (IMHEN) Machine learning (IOIT) Remote sensing data Big data and deep learning (IOIT) Image and text processing (IOIT) Text mining (IOIT) Visualization (IOIT) 	- Telemetering from Semi & Automatic (+regulation) - ICT Technology (IOIT)	 Research results Modeling capacity (weather forecast, hydraulic, flood management, flash flood) (IMHEN) Data assimilation (IMHEN)

Needs from AHC Members

Countries	Knowledge Sharing	Technology Matching	Capacity Building
Brunei	-	-	-
Cambodia	- Success of Thailand (data base or connectivity protocol)	- Create common data format for AHC	-
Lao PDR	-	- Weather modeling/ water management	- Data & Modeling software
		- Low-cost Hardware	- Weather modeling software
			- Water management Modeling system
			- Data integration (law & regulations)
Malaysia	Flood & Drought ManagementRain/ Haze/	- Software – modeling (water & underground water), prediction,	- Sharing facility in terms of modeling/ software/ prediction/
	Groundwater		WRM

Countries	Knowledge Sharing	Technology Matching	Capacity Building
		water desalination/ treatment	
Myanmar	-	-	- Capacity building for Hydroinformatics Center (HIC)
Philippines	- DRRM	- Sensor network	- GIS
	- Data use policy/ Data	(including connectivity)	- Remote sensing
	management and integration practices		Data science & analytic (machine learning & AI)
Singapore	- Weather data	-	-
	- Geological data		
	- Historical data		
	- Storm surge		
	- Urban agriculture		
Thailand	Technology from other countries on flood, drought disaster	-	-
Vietnam	Technology (ICT) from other countries on natural disaster	- Al	- The development on Thaiwater.net
		- Standard of transferring data format	