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Opening speech

Esteemed delegates,

I am very much delighted to welcome all of you to attend this 15th Interim Meeting of the ASF Ship Recycling Committee in Jiaosi today, first of all I would like to thank SG Mr. Sonoda made a remarkable speech at the Trade Winds Ship Recycling Forum held on 13 of March this year in Singapore for the voice of Asian Shipowners.

An important series of guidelines, such as the 2012 Guidelines for Safe and Environmentally Sound Ship Recycling and the 2012 Guidelines for the Authorization of Ship Recycling Facilities, to support the uniform implementation of the Hong Kong Convention for the Recycling Ships was adopted by the Marine Environment Protection Committee(MEPC) of the International Organization (IMO), when it met for its 63rd session from 27 February to 2 March 2012, at IMO Headquarters in London, paving the way for the regulations to be smoothly uniformly implemented by Administrations and Industry.

These guidelines, along with the 2011 Guidelines for the development of the Inventory of Hazardous Materials and the 2011 Guidelines for the development of the Ship Recycling Plan that were adopted by MEPC 62,

are intended to assist ship-recycling facilities and shipping companies to commence improvements to meet the requirements of the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, which was adopted in May 2009.

The MEPC established a correspondence group to further develop the draft text of Guidelines for Survey and Certification under the Hong Kong Convention and Guidelines for Inspection of Ships(Port State Control) under the Hong Kong Convention. Hopefully it will be settled in next meeting of MEPC 64 to be held in 1 October to 5 October.

Asian shipowners, as major players in the global shipping industry, will continue to discuss ways in which shipowners can promote safer and more environmentally-sound ship recycling.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your longstanding support to the Ship Recycling Committee and hope to receive your continuous encouragement.

Wish you a healthy, happy and prosperous year of the Dragon.

Bronson Hsieh
Chairman
ASF Ship Recycling Committee