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As IALA Counselor, we are proud of having successfully concluded Diplomatic Conference at Kuala Lumpur by February 2020 which is a staunch final step towards achievement of finalization of IALA Convention. With this opportunity, we would like to express our thanks to all IALA Counselors and IALA secretariat staff on personality of Mr Francis Zacharia as secretary general for their kind leading and contributions to the success of the Conference.

As national matters in recent period, Directorate General of Coastal Safety has carried out usual aids to navigation planned maintenance, renovation, replacement and modernization projects. As a part of a tender for upgrade and renovation of AtoN capacity, total 89 lighthouses throughout coastlines of Turkey built in concrete structures, from Hopa district on the Black Sea coast to İskenderun district on the Mediterranean, and to the sites on the Aegean and the Marmara seas, will have extensive inspections and renewal works.

Furthermore, the last phase of VTS centers project was successfully concluded with Mersin VTS Center commencing of active monitoring at east Mediterranean by 19.06.2019. By this in addition to Turkish Straits VTS centers we had already fully operating of highly capable modern VTS centers system consists of three VTS centers at Izmit Bay, Izmir Bay and Mersin. On the other hand, the projections are made for supplementary VTS centers covering complete Turkish coastal areas as integrated each other in order to contribute to single page view system already working under national AIS system. Turkish Straits VTS systems are also being upgraded/renewed under the project started at 2017 project carried out by duly Turkish technology companies and stakeholders. The project targets developing technology and complete capacity of key delivery based VTS system to including software and key components such Radars, EOS and RDFs. Within the scale of the project a mobile VTS simulator system has been developed and we are capable of provide full scale VTS trainings in any part of the world.

We are also proud to announce that National Maritime Safety Center established in Tekirdag. The center has capacity of training pool for oil pollution (5.000 sqm), campus area (110.000 sqm)?, guest house (60 persons)?, training rooms and conference hall. In the center shall be having capacity to provide of Ship Handling Training on Manned Models, Full Mission Bridge Simulator, Tugboat Simulator, Marine Pollution Simulator, Search and Rescue Simulator?, Vessel Traffic Services Simulator.





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During the period we are also focused on

- Command, Control and Information Systems,
- Training and Simulation Technologies,
- Cyber Security,
- Management Information Systems.
- Broadcasting the maritime safety and other navigational information techniques available and under development in Turkey including VDES, AIS and others.

Referring to COVID-19 pandemic prevailing, as a part of contingency plans starting beginning of March DGCS have taken all protective measures to sustain continuity and productivity of all functions including AtoN, pilotage and VTS. The measures taken consist of providing to staff medical protective equipment, re-organization working shifts for pilotage and VTS centers, minimization of staff at the office and home office- remote working options. During the time, in order to mitigate infection risks to our pilots the counter protection measures are also required from our counter parts as owners and vessels, such appropriate disinfection of the bridge and medical check of the crew before embarking of the pilots.

As of time of being, we are much glad to express that in our services, we have already got through the most difficult part of the pandemic without interruptions of our services and the normalization plan already in action to returning usual working routine.

In these hard times, we would like to underline our solidarity with all the Councilors and hoping human kind shall never experience this sort of hard times again.

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