

International Survey of Shore-Based Courses Related to Maritime Safety Management Systems

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PROJECT REPORT

Since the project was started in April, several activities have been carried out to meet the schedule set previously. A brief report is provided as follows:

1. Questionnaire Modification

Based on the previous questionnaire, minor modification has been applied to clarify the meaning of the questions and to improve the presentation of the questionnaire.

2. Mail List Revision

In order to improve response rate, great efforts have been made to ensure that mail can be delivered to the right person. To achieve this, time has been spent on searching the name of the person in the organisation who is possibly in charge of responding this survey and his/her physical and E-mail addresses. Some of previous organisations and institutions have been deleted since attempt has been failed to find the names and addresses of the responsible persons. At the same time, new organisations and institutions have been added into the mail list.

3. Online Format Questionnaire

To make it convenient to the surveyed people and ultimately increase the response rate, an online format questionnaire was designed as an alternative for the people who prefer to respond online and return it via E-mail. The online survey is available at <http://www.amc.edu.au/na/iamu-survey/>

4. Questionnaire Mailed Out

After the completion of the modification to the questionnaire and the revision of the mail list, a total number of 126 questionnaires were mailed out on 17 July with individual name on each envelop.

5. E-mails

Three weeks after the questionnaire being mailed out, E-mail was sent out to the same person who was the recipient of the questionnaire as a means of reminder and an alternative for response as well.

So far, response either through mail and E-mail is coming. Final report of this project is expected to be available at the end of this December.