

The People's Republic of China
Maritime Safety Administration



National Matters - CHINA

The 3rd session of the IALA Council

1. International Seminar on Heritage Lighthouse Protection 2025 Successfully Concluded in Haikou

In July 2025, IALA *International Seminar on Heritage Lighthouse Protection 2025* was successfully held in Haikou, China. The seminar attracted over 30 participants from countries including Japan, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, and Malaysia, as well as from China's Hong Kong and Macao SARs. The event included the IALA 2025 Heritage Lighthouse designation ceremony and featured technical exchanges centered on two main themes: "Protection, Development, and Utilization of Heritage Lighthouses" and "International Experiences with Digital Aids to Navigation." The discussions aimed to explore cutting-edge achievements and development pathways within the global AtoN sector.

2. 2025 IALA Level 1.1 AtoN Manager Course, Level 1.2 AtoN Master Course Successfully Concludes

On September 27, the IALA Level 1.1 AtoN Manager Course, Level 1.2 AtoN Master Course were successfully concluded in Wenzhou, China. The closing ceremony was attended by IALA Secretary-General Francis

Zachariae, China MSA Executive Director General Xu Wei, and Wenzhou Vice Mayor Li Ning. All 34 trainees from 16 countries passed the training assessment and received their certificates.

3. China MSA and IALA Sign MoU on International Marine AtoN Personnel Training

On September 27, CHINA MSA and IALA signed a new Memorandum of Understanding on International Marine AtoN Personnel Training in Wenzhou. This signing marks a new phase of cooperation between the two parties in the field of global marine aids to navigation.