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Assignments;

As of June 2021, Capt. Serhat AYTUGEL has been assigned to Deputy Director General of DGCS and to his previous position, Chief of Aids to Navigation and Marine Communication Department, Capt. Mustafa TOPAL has been appointed.

Aids to navigation;

Maintaining nationwide aids to navigation total number of 622 in utmost operational condition was a prime challenge during the COVID-19 pandemic hit conditions. However, pre-pandemic initiated substantial structural renovation project carried out with few minor setbacks. During initial phase of the project, lighthouse structures were renewed and navigation buoys modernized with novel design and equipment. Historical lighthouses' restoration was also a key topic during the term.

Vessel Traffic Services;

Turkish Straits Vessel Traffic Services System Renovation and Upgrade Project right after minor delays due to pandemic related causes has entered to final delivery stage and planned to be operational by the first quarter of 2022.

The Marmara Sea Vessel Traffic Services project, as an integrated part of Turkish Straits Vessel Traffic Services shall expand service area to Marmara Sea ports by establishment of new sectors. The project's initial phase is planned to start by the first quarter of 2022.

Maritime Single Window Project;

With implementation of the project, the dataset derived from Turkish Straits VTS and regional VTS operation centres at İzmir, İzmit and Mersin, LRIT, national AIS, and AtoN AIS will be integrated to create a consolidated single picture of the vessel traffic movements within Turkish maritime jurisdiction area. The project aims at improving the safety of navigation and life at sea together with national security, protection of the marine environment and efficiency of the maritime traffic management.

Trainings;

National Maritime Safety and Marine Pollution Emergency Responding Centre (UDEM) located at Tekirdag Marmara Ereglisi, established as nationwide marine pollution early responding coordination and training centre in 2019. Furthermore, as earlier notified, an ambitious training capacity-building project launched at the beginning of 2020 to establish a versatile maritime training complex at the centre. The project aims at building a maritime training infrastructure at national and international level in wide perspective. The training complex comprising integrated VTS simulator, full mission bridge simulator, tugboat simulator, marine pollution simulator and SAR simulator will be in service by the end of 2021. The system is designed to carry out multilateral simulation scenarios in participation of various contributors simultaneously as first of its kind in the region.

DGCS VTS Training capacity is based on the accreditation granted by Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure and MOU taken under signature with IALA in 2016 for abroad VTS training. In September 2021, V-103/4 OJTI training held physically in DGCS premises for FSUE Rosmorport (Russian Federation) in addition to previous V-103/1-2 and 4 trainings for Turkmenistan in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure accredited DGCS for IMO OPRC Model Courses on level one and level two and IMO HNS Model Courses on operational level and manager level trainings. The initial phase of the courses has started in November 2021 for internal trainings and planning to open for abroad requirements by the beginning of 2022.

Events;

1st of July, National Maritime Day coinciding with World Marine Aids to Navigation Day, celebrated with National Maritime Summit held in Istanbul under auspices of Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure.

6-8 October, The 12th National Transportation and Communication Forum held in Istanbul with themes of Logistics, Mobility and Digitalization and planned around the “National Transport and Infrastructure Policy” vision. Transport and Communication Forum was held in cooperation with the leading associations, unions and institutions of the sector. The Forum addressed current situation and dynamics, future plans, foresights, targets and policies of transport and communications sectors in the world and Turkey. DGCS was a leading contributor to the forum with presentations as national authority of AtoN and vessel traffic service.