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Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**7 – NATIONAL MATTERS***Republic of Korea***National Matters Update by Korea****1. The Lighthouse Preservation and Use Act**

The Republic of Korea will do its best to preserve and use the lighthouse as well as to make the lighthouse as a sustainable marine tourism resource by developing the marine cultural space. The draft Lighthouse Preservation and Use Act has been prepared and its legislation will be promoted from 2023. The Lighthouse Preservation and Use Act will be enacted in 2024. And also, this Act will improve the quality of people's life and contribute to the development of marine culture.

2. The fourth World Marine Aids to Navigation Day events

The fourth World Marine Aids to Navigation Day events were held in Pohang, Korea, between June 30 and July 1, 2022. Pohang is home to Homigot Lighthouse, IALA Heritage Lighthouse of the Year 2022. And also Homigot Lighthouse is nearby the National Lighthouse Museum, which reopened to the public on July 1 following a four-year, \$20 million expansion and renovation.

The Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries in association with Korea Institute of Aids to Navigation held the 2022 World Marine Aids to Navigation Day celebration and the ceremony for IALA Heritage Lighthouse of the Year 2022 at National Lighthouse Museum and Homigot Lighthouse on July 1 in the presence of more than 200 participants including the Minister, honored guests and the general public.

Secretary-General of IMO, Kitak LIM said in his video congratulatory remarks that cooperation between shipping, ports and aids to navigation will be vital for enhancing the efficiency and sustainability of shipping therefore facilitating trade and fostering economic recovery and prosperity.

Secretary-General of IALA, Francis ZACHARIAE emphasized in his video congratulatory remarks that World Marine Aids to Navigation Day would provide a valuable opportunity for all IALA members to showcase their respective expertise and how they collaborate to stimulate technological innovation in support of the development and harmonization of Aids to Navigation around the world.

Meanwhile, to mark World Marine Aids to Navigation Day and to raise interest in heritage lighthouse, 2022 Aids to Navigation Forum on the subject of the conservation and sustainable use of heritage lighthouse was held at Lahan Hotel, June 30. More than 100 experts from related fields participated in the event.

