

EAST ASIA SEMINAR ON GEODETIC SYSTEMS TOOK PLACE AT J.H.D.

16 - 18 NOVEMBER 1993

An East Asia seminar on geodetic systems for nautical charts was held in the Hydrographic Department of Japan on 16 and 17 November 1993. The seminar was aimed at exchanging views and information on geodetic systems applied to nautical charts and establishing a further cooperative relationship among various countries in the EAHC region.

The seminar was opened by Mr. T. Tatsuno, Head of Satellite Geodesy Office, JHD, who chaired for the first-day session. Dr. Y. Iwabuchi, Chief Hydrographer of Japan, extended a cordial welcome to all the participants especially to those who came to Tokyo all the way from China, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, and Singapore, as well as Mr. Kerr, Director of IHB, in his opening address, followed by a keynote speech titled "Geodetic Monitoring of Global Climate Change" made by Professor Y. Hagiwara, Nihon University. Reports on geodetic systems were also made by each participant of the participating country. On the second day, 17 November, Dr. M. Sasaki, Director of Hydrographic Department, 5th R.M.S. Headquarters in Kobe took the chair of the meeting in the morning, and Dr. Y. Kubo, Director, Geodesy and Geophysics Division, JHD, in the afternoon.

On the occasion of the seminar, an extra session which was specially focused on electronic charts was also arranged in the morning of 18 November, in order to exchange information on the current status of development of electronic charts as well as identify what are problems on geodetic systems in regard to electronic charts in the respective countries. Dr. S. Kato, Deputy Director, Coastal Surveys and Cartography Division, JHD, took the chair of the extra session. Dr. Y. Ganeko, Director of the same division, made an opening remark, which was followed by a keynote address on the international situation regarding ECDIS made by Mr. A. J. Kerr, Director of IHB, and the exchange of views and information on electronic charts was lively made among the participants. It is recognized among the participants that further meetings should be arranged to discuss and deepen various aspects of electronic charts, including mutual assistance and technical cooperation in

the field of electronic chart technology. The overseas participants invited to the seminar on geodetic systems as well as the extra session on electronic charts were:

- Mr. Zhao Junsheng, Associate Prof., the Mapping Agency of the Navigation Guarantee Department, Chinese Navy Headquarters, People's Republic of China;
- Mr. Rahman Ibrahim, Head, Charts Design & Evaluation, Hydro-Oceanographic Service, Indonesia;
- Mr. Kim, Jeong Gi, Hydrographic Surveyor, Office of Hydrographic Affairs, Republic of Korea;
- Cdr. Hamdan Othman, Staff Officer Grade 1 (Cartography), Hydrographic Directorate, RMN, Malaysia;
- Mr. Abu Husin Bin Jantan, Deputy Director of Topography, Department of Survey & Mapping, Malaysia;
- Commodore Renato B. Feir, Director, Coast and Geodetic Survey Department, Philippines;
- Mr. Low Koon Tiong, Asst. Hydrographer, Hydrographic Department, PSA, Singapore; and
- Mr. Adam J. Kerr, Director, International Hydrographic Bureau (IHB).



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