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18TH ANTARCTIC TREATY CONSULTATIVE MEETING HELD IN KYOTO

Mr. M. Hishida, Director, Ocean Surveys Division, Hydrographic Department of Japan, attended the 18th Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting held at Kyoto International Conference Hall (KICH) from 11 to 22 April 1994.

Mr. Hishida attended the Meeting on behalf of the IHB to re-

port the progress of the work of the IHO Permanent Working Group on Cooperation in Hydrographic Surveying and Nautical Charting in Antarctica (PWG) and distributed IHB publication S-59 "Status of Hydrographic Surveying and Nautical Charting in Antarctic" to the COMNAP members and other delegates of the Meeting.

6TH JAPAN/KOREA HYDROGRAPHIC TECHNICAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN TOKYO

The 6th Japan/Korea Hydrographic Technical Meeting is scheduled to be held at the Hydrographic Department in Tokyo in autumn this year.

It is expected that the 6th meeting will be focused on the geo-

detic systems currently adopted in Japan and Korea, respectively, and an implementation of a cooperative geodetic observation in both countries, as well as preparation of electronic navigational charts.

SEMINAR ON JGOFS DATA MANAGEMENT TO BE HELD IN TOKYO

A seminar on the 2nd Joint Global Ocean Flux Study (JGOFS) is now scheduled to be held at JODC, Hydrographic Department of Japan, in autumn this year, under the support of Ship and Ocean Foundation of Japan.

The seminar is aimed at promotion of the JGOFS project in

the Pacific and equatorial region for preparation of data sets and their international exchange among various countries in the region.

An official invitation will be sent to each of those scientists concerned in East Asia and Oceanian countries in due course.

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE TO OCCUR – J.H.D. DISPATCHING OBSERVATION TEAM

A total eclipse of the sun will occur on 3 November this year, and it will be observed in certain zone covering from the mid-Pacific Ocean to the south Atlantic Ocean through Chile and Paraguay.

The Japanese observation team composed of several scien-

tists from various universities and institutes, including two from the Hydrographic Department of Japan, will be dispatched to Putre (18°13'S, 69°35'W), Chile. The observation data to be obtained will be used to enhance the accuracy of the Japanese Ephemeris and the other nautical almanacs published by J.H.D.

J.H.D. PLANNING TO HOLD A TECHNICAL MEETING ON ELECTRONIC CHARTS

The Hydrographic Department of Japan is now planning to host a technical meeting on electronic charts this year and the next, respectively.

The objective of the meeting is to share views and information on the present status of and technical matters on electronic chart and its development as well as to facilitate mutual

understanding and cooperation specially among those countries of the East Asia Hydrographic Commission (EAHC). For the first meeting to be held this year, one participant each from three to four countries in the region will be invited, and the remain in the next Japanese fiscal year in 1995. Others who are interested in the meeting will also be welcomed.