

JAPAN RECEIVED A PRIZE OF "CARTOGRAPHY CROSSING BORDERS" FROM ICA

Japan received a prize of "Cartography Crossing Borders" from International Cartographic Association (ICA) for a category of Nautical Charts and Marine Maps of Cartography Exhibition.

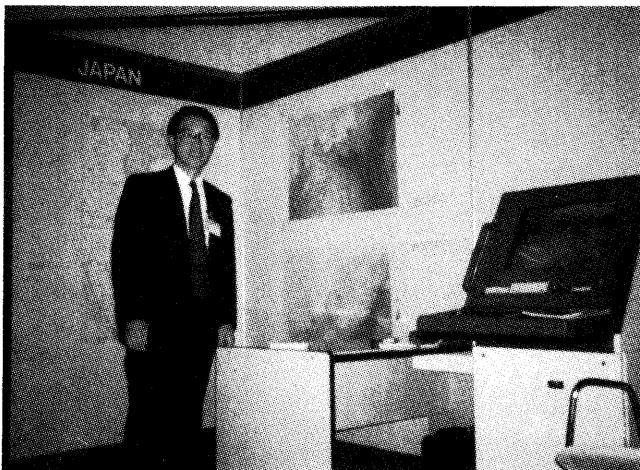
International Cartographic Conference and Cartography Exhibition was held in Barcelona, Spain, from 3 to 9 September 1995. These are promoted by ICA every two years, for presentation of research on cartography, and Cartographic Exhibition is held at the same time.

The nautical chart exhibition was planned especially by IHO in cooperation with hydrographic organizations of many countries, for "Hydrographic mapping" and "Navigation Systems (Electronic Chart, Autonavigation and GPS)" as the theme of this conference. 15 countries in total attended this exhibition, including France, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Russian Federation, UK, and USA.

Japanese exhibits were 17 charts, including INT Charts, Marine Utilization Map, Basic Maps of the Sea, Coastal Information Map Against Natural Disaster and ENC No.7001 produced by JHD, Reference Charts for Yachts and Small Craft produced by Japan Hydrographic Association and Coastal Condition Map produced by Geographical Survey Institute.

During the exhibition, these Japanese exhibits had great popularity of visitors, especially ENC demonstration displayed by ECDIS as the first edition of official ENC in the world held the visitors' eyes.

ICA selected an excellent exhibit for each category, and presented the prize to its exhibitor at the end of the exhibition. Japan won the prize of "Cartography Crossing Borders" for the category of nautical charts and marine maps. The certificate gives a complimentary remarks of "to distinguish its presentation as being comprehensive excellent advanced in the Nautical Charts and Marine Maps".



JRC's ECDIS demonstrating Japanese ENC in the Japan booth of the Nautical Chart Exhibition



JICA EXPERTS DISPATCHED TO SARC, QATAR

Two JICA experts were dispatched to Scientific and Research Center (SARC), University of Qatar, from 12 November to 9 December 1995.

Qatar has a plan to produce maps on a scale of 1:25,000 for several projects such as protection of environment, confirmation of economical sea area. Mr. Kenji HONMA, Senior Territorial Sea Baseline Research Officer, JHD, and Mr. Kunio OKAYASU, Chief Officer, CRC Research Institute, Inc., were dispatched to SARC for technical transfer of survey of coastal baselines, planning survey programme, relevant studies, etc., in order to realize their plans.