

OBSERVATION/STUDY TOUR TO SIMOSATO HYDROGRAPHIC OBSERVATORY

The Observation/Study Tour to the Simosato Hydrographic Observatory for the participants of the Group Training Course in Hydrographic Survey for 1996 was carried out from 23 to 25 April.

The Simosato Hydrographic Observatory, one of the four hydrographic observatories of the Maritime Safety Agency, is located at Simosato near the southern tip of Kii Peninsula in Honsyu.

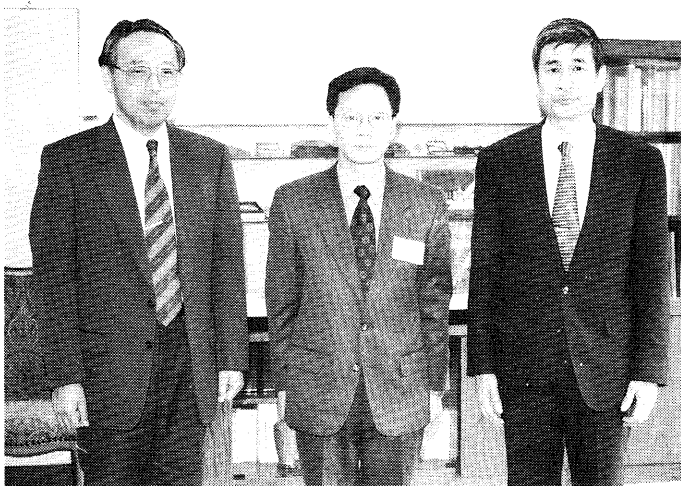
The Observatory building has a total floor area of 419 m², installed with a 60 cm Cassegrain Type Reflecting Telescope and a Satellite Laser Ranging System, by which observations of occultations of stars by the moon as well as of geodetic and navigation satellites are being made.

The participants observed and were explained about these instruments in the Observatory. They were very interested in these instruments and asked observation officers of the Observatory many questions positively.



Observation of Satellite Laser Ranging System

JICA INDIVIDUAL TRAINING IN OCEANOGRAPHIC OBSERVATION



An individual training in oceanographic observation is now taking place at JHD for Mr. Jeong, Woo-Jin, Assistant Oceanographer, Office of Hydrographic Affairs, Republic of Korea, from 3 April to 4 June 1996.

Mr. Jeong is 35 years old, graduated the Incheon Graduate School in Feb. 1992 and obtained Master degree of Oceanography. He hopes to get a higher degree of ocean current observation and data processing technology through this training.

His training programme includes the lectures on oceanography, physical oceanography, observation of tide and current, data processing as well as on board training of S/V KAIYO (550 G/T).

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 Mr. Jeong, Woo-Jin
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