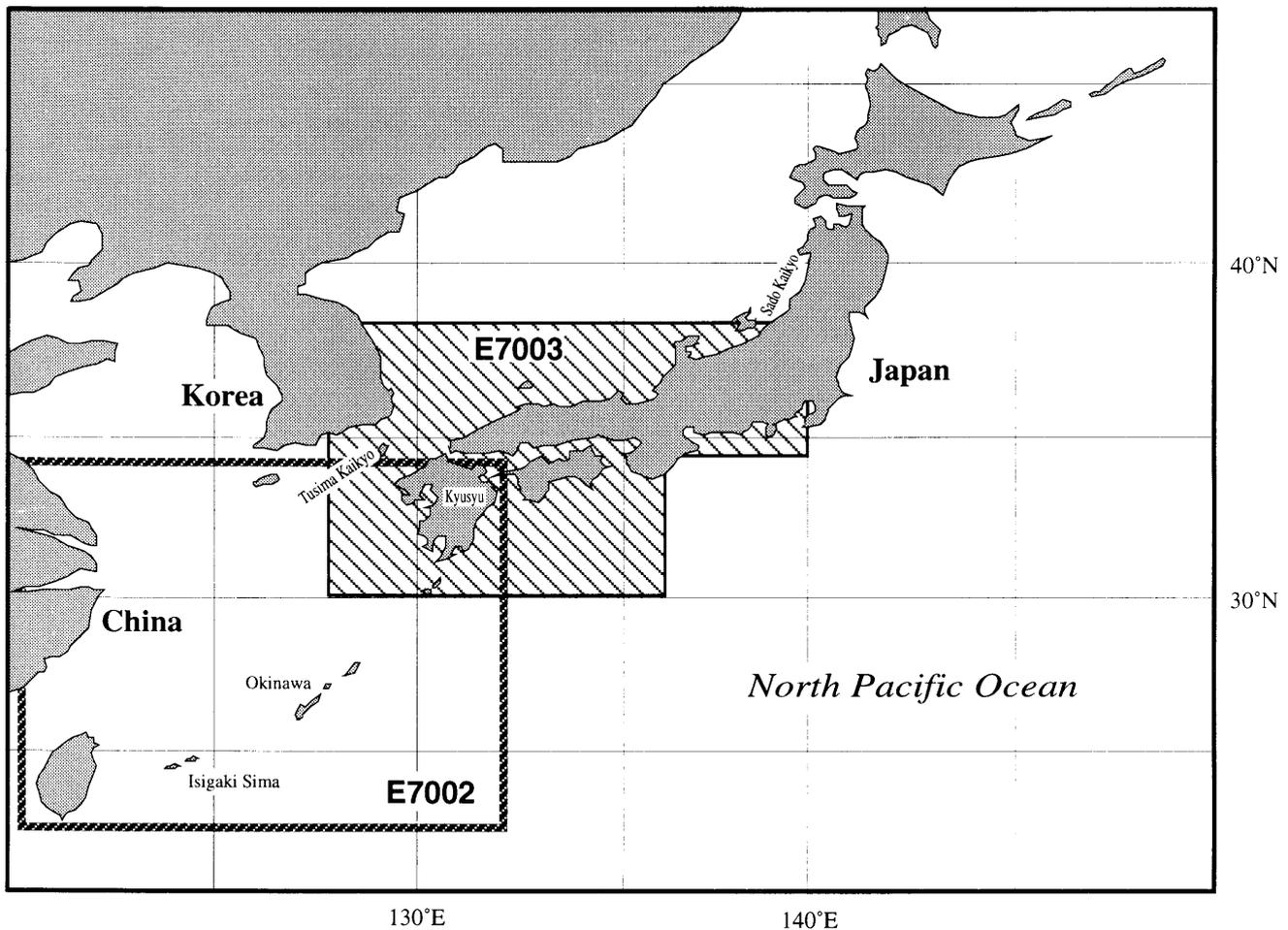


JHD's 2ND & 3RD ENC'S RELEASED



Following the first release of the Japanese official Electronic Navigational Chart (ENC) No. E7001 on 31 March 1995, the Hydrographic Department of Japan published its 2nd and 3rd ENC's produced in accordance with S-57, DX90, on 23 February and 29 March 1996, respectively.

The ENC No. E7002 "Kita-Kyusyu to Isigaki Sima" covers the area from N part of Kyusyu to S of Okinawa, while the ENC No. E7003 "Seto Naikai and Tosima to Sado Kaikyo" covers Seto Inland Seas and W part of Japan.

In production of these two ENC's, coastline and depth data for areas under the responsibility of China or Korea have been

adopted from JHD's small-scale paper charts covering these areas upon consultation with, and with the consent of, the Chinese Maritime Safety Administration or the Republic of Korea Office of Hydrographic Affairs (ROKOH), respectively. For certain bordering areas between Japan and Korea in Tosima Kaikyo strait on E7003, depth data have been adopted from JHD's mid-scale paper charts under the collaborative compilation agreed between JHD and ROKOH.

These ENC's in CD-ROMs are now made available to mariners and other users at Japanese chart sales agents at a price of 99,500 yen each.

JHD TO HOLD 3RD ENC SEMINAR

The Hydrographic Department of Japan is planning to organize and hold a 2-day seminar on ENC technology in Tokyo in mid-October, probably 16 - 17 October this year.

This will be the 3rd seminar in series, the 1st and 2nd of which were held at JHD in 1994 and 1995, respectively. The 3rd seminar will be focused on sea-lane areas from Malacca

Straits to Japan, and, therefore, a participant each from Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and Singapore will officially be invited to the seminar. However, those from the other hydrographic offices of the East Asia Hydrographic Commission (EAHC) members shall be most welcomed at the seminar. Further information on the seminar will be released in due course.