

2ND MEETING OF WEND COMMITTEE HELD IN TOKYO

The second meeting of IHO-WEND Committee was held at the Hydrographic Department of Japan from 27 to 29 February 1996.

The meeting was attended by a total number of 53 participants from IHB and 22 countries; Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Cuba, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Norway, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom with Hong Kong, and USA, including 17 heads of hydrographic offices and 14 participants from 4 hydrographic offices of EAHC members.

At the opening of the meeting Mr. M. Shiozaki made a wel-

come address, which was followed by the opening speech by the Chairman, Prof. P. Ehlers, President of the German Maritime & Hydrographic Agency. Prof. Ehlers stressed in his opening speech the importance and significance of the work and the need for progress of WEND. Also emphasized that its objectives were to promote the establishment of a common structure for the development and provision of ENC's throughout the world and the primary tasks were to discuss policy and organization, and the two most important were the establishment of RENCs and the overall organization of WEND.



Delegates of the 2nd meeting of WEND Committee, 27 February 1996

Principal agenda items were:

- a) Report of status on ECDIS Performance Standards and Plans
- b) National reports on ENC (S-57) Production
- c) Report on progress and plans of RENCs
- d) Report on trials and general progress on updating technology
- e) Discussion on financial policies and bilateral arrangements related to reimbursement for provision of data

f) Examination of conceptual model for WEND

Some other reports and discussion were made. There was no particular resolution of the meeting but the following were adopted as action items: IHB to advise IMO of status of WEND; Members take note requirement to develop S-57 data; and Members to establish means of developing human resources in these HO's wishing to start S-57 data capture.



The first day of the 2nd meeting of the WEND Committee, 27 Feb. 1996
Conference Room of JHD, Tokyo

WEND MEMBERS ENJOY TOKYO BAY CRUISE ON JHD S/V KAIYO

Following the WEND Committee meeting, 1 March 1996, a technical tour on board the Survey Vessel Kaiyo (550 G/T) was arranged and conducted by the Hydrographic Department of Japan for participating members of the meeting.

37 participants, including their accompanying ladies, were

welcomed aboard the S/V Kaiyo by the Commanding Officer Capt. Y. Murase. The Kaiyo, which is equipped with ECDIS, left Tokyo Port at 09:30, sailed in Tokyo Bay up to E of Yokohama, and came back to the port at 12:00. The greatest interest of participants centered at ECDIS among many modern instruments on board the Kaiyo.



Observation of ECDIS equipped in the Wheel House of S/V Kaiyo, 1 March 1996