

KOREAN STUDY TEAM VISITS JHD

Mr. SUNG Baik-Sik, Director, Nautical Charts Division, Office of Hydrographic Affairs, Republic of Korea and his party visited Japan from 13 to 14 May 1996, for the purpose of observation and study of ENC production system, search and rescue system, marine pollution management system, etc.

On the first day they visited Hydrographic Department of Japan and made a courtesy call on Dr. Oshima, Chief Hydrographer. After observation of ENC production system of JHD, they discussed with Dr. Nishida, Director, Coastal Surveys and Cartography Division and his staff, on various issues including ENC production and recent status of ECDIS.

On the second day, they made an observation tour to the

Yokohama Maritime Disaster Prevention Base belonging to the 3rd Regional Maritime Safety Headquarters and the Yokosuka Training Center of Maritime Disaster Preventing Center. The former was established in April 1995, for emergency response to maritime disaster in and around Tokyo Bay, and it has many kinds of disaster prevention and combatting equipment and materials, as well as training facilities for the rescue staff of Maritime Safety Agency.

The latter has many kinds of modern equipment and materials for preventing disaster, as a sole private training institute for marine disaster control, and one of the stations of oil recovery vessels, and stockpiles of oil booms and other control equipment and materials in Japan.

JHD STARTS INTRODUCING S-57 EDITION 3

The new Edition 3 of the IHO S-57 "Transfer Standard for Digital Hydrographic Data (DX-90)" having been released by IHB in March 1996, the Hydrographic Department of Japan is now proceeding with preparation for conversion of its chart database into the new Edition 3.

JHD is preparing to introduce new software, which enables to convert the existing database constructed in the previous S-57 Version 2 to its new Ed. 3 as well as to produce new ENCs in Ed. 3. With the new software expected to be developed by the

end of 1996, JHD now plans to revise, from early in 1997, the existing ENCs Nos. E7001, E7002 and E7003 into the new Ed. 3 as well as to produce new ENCs in small scales to cover the remaining area in and around Japanese waters. After completion of these small-scale ENCs to cover all the areas in and around Japanese waters, JHD will set about producing large-scale ENCs to cover ports and harbours in Japan from early in 1998, with expectation of the ENC updating techniques and procedures to be adopted internationally before the schedule.

JHD OPENS INTERNET WWW HOME PAGE

The Hydrographic Department of Japan has opened its Internet World Wide Web Home Page accessible at the following address: <http://www.jhd.go.jp/>

The Home Page introduces JHD functions, current activities and topics. The information given in the Home Page is at

present mostly in the Japanese language but partially in English. The latest number of the EAHC Newsletter is also given in the Home Page. The Japan Oceanographic Data Center (JODC) has also its own Home Page all in English accessible from the JHD Home Page or directly at an address of <http://www.jodc.jhd.go.jp/>

