

Main points of the Meeting on the first day were:

1. Geodetic Appendix to TALOS Manual was completed;
2. Progress on development of IOC/IHO Book on Continental Shelf was reported, its progress going smoothly;
3. Outlines of the Second GALOS Meeting held in Bali from 1 to 4 July, prior to ABLOS, was reported;
4. As a result of discussions on coordination between ABLOS and GALOS, it was agreed by the members of the board including Professor P. Vanicek, who serves also the chairman of GALOS, that ABLOS would be reorganized with formal members to be nominated by its higher, parent bodies IHO, IOC, and IAG, while GALOS would also be reorganized as a study group on the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea to be composed of geodesists of IAG; and

5. Other reports and discussions were also made on various matters, particularly on coordination between the activities of ABLOS and the UN Office of the Law of the Sea, publicity of ABLOS activities, and advice on technical aspects on UNCLOS to coastal nations.

On the second day, an ABLOS Seminar was also held in the same place. Programmes for delimitation of the continental shelf and other maritime boundaries were addressed and reported by Japan, New Zealand, Norway, South Africa and United Kingdom, respectively, followed by discussion and exchange of views among participants. A presentation of IHB and the visit to the Hydrographic Office of RNZN were carried down to the next day as time was not enough to cover all the agenda items scheduled.

The next meeting of ABLOS will be held at IHB, Monaco in 1997.

FORMER ARGENTINE HYDROGRAPHER CALLS AT JHD

On 27 June 1996 Vice Admiral Don Alfredo Augusto Yung, the former Head of Argentine Naval Hydrographic Service, called on Dr. Shoichi Oshima, Chief Hydrographer of Japan.

It was rather a short visit but they enjoyed reunion and dis-

cussed about various topics of common interest, including some matters on the forthcoming I.H. Conference and the ENC production. Vice Admiral Yung also enjoyed a round in JHD particularly its ENC production process and facilities.



From left

Dr. Oshima

Vice Admiral, Yung

CHINESE STATE OCEANIC ADMINISTRATION TEAM VISITS JHD

A marine management study team of the State Oceanic Administration (SOA), People's Republic of China, visited Japan from 24 to 26 June 1996.

The study team composed of 6 leading officials, headed by Mr. Chen Jia Xin, Deputy Director, Department of Personnel, Labour and Education, SOA, called on Dr. Shoichi Oshima,

Chief Hydrographer of Japan, on 24 July to exchange views on various matters on marine activities. They also made an observation tour to the Japan Maritime Safety Agency Research Center situated in Tachikawa a suburb of Tokyo, on 25 as well as ENC Production Unit, Navigational Warning Operation Unit and Japan Oceanographic Data Center (JODC) of JHD on 26 July.