

JHD experts dispatched to Singapore

The Hydrographic Department of Japan dispatched its two experts to Singapore from 16 to 20 June 1997.

Mr. Kenzo Imai, Senior Cartography Officer, and Mr. Shoichi Kokuta, Senior Coastal Survey Officer of JHD, who are members of the Japanese Advisory Committee formed under the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), on the Four Nation Joint Re-survey of Critical Areas and Investigation of Dangerous/Unconfirmed Shoals and Wrecks in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore, were dispatched to Hydrographic Department of Maritime and Port Authority (MPA)

of Singapore to discuss with MPA counterparts and follow the progress of the field survey in Singapore waters, which has just been completed. Exchange of views and information were also made between JHD and MPA staff, particularly on the development of Electronic Navigational Chart (ENC) in HD/MPA and JHD, respectively.

Since the last joint survey that was completed in 1975, a number of wrecks and shoals have been reported, some of these being considered dangerous to navigation, and, therefore, an agreement to conduct the joint re-survey was concluded between the Governments of Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, and Singapore at a meeting held in Seremban, Malaysia, on 28 May 1996.

The joint re-survey project consists of three Phases. The field survey for the First Phase in Malaysian waters was completed in March 1997 and the Second Phase in Singapore waters has just been completed. As the field survey in the Third Phase of the project will start in Indonesian waters from September 1997, JICA Advisory Committee members, Mr. Shoichi Kokuta and Dr. Hideo Nishida, Director, Coastal Surveys & Cartography Division of JHD will be dispatched to Indonesia from 28 August and 31 August, respectively, to 7 September 1997 in order to discuss and finalize its plan of operation at a meeting to be held at Manado, Indonesia, on 2 - 4 September 1997.



Mr. K. Imai and MPA/HD members at cartography section



From left: Mr. Lim W.K., Mr. S. Kokuta, Capt. Wilson Chua, Mrs Peggy Koh, Mr. K. Imai and Mr. Jamie Chen