

JODC holds a new training course in oceanographic data management

The Japan Oceanographic Data Center (JODC) of the Hydrographic Department of Japan (JHD) conducted a two-week training course on management of ocean observing data at its Tokyo Headquarters from 13 October 1997.

The 1st meeting of the NEAR-GOOS Coordination Committee held in Bangkok, Thailand, in 1996 recommended that electronic media be used for exchange and distribution of NEAR-GOOS data and training be conducted in oceanographic data management and exchange in accordance with the specifications recommended by IOC. With this in the background, JODC in collaboration with the other organizations concerned decided to conduct the IOC/WESTPAC Training Course on NEAR-GOOS Data Management every year, and its first training was organized by and conducted at JODC from 13 to 24 October 1997 with seven participants as follows:

- Dr. Nickolay Rykov, Far Eastern Regional Hydrometeorological Research Institute, Russia;
- Mr. Jung-Hoon Park, Korean Oceanographic Data Center, Republic of Korea;
- Mr. Shin-HO Choi, National Oceanographic Research Institute, Republic of Korea;

- Mr. Ki Ryong Kang, Meteorological Research Institute, Republic of Korea;
- Mr. Quang Phan, Institute of Oceanography, Vietnam;
- Mr. Sung-Dae Kim, Korean Ocean Research & Development Institute, Republic of Korea; and
- Mr. Hyun-Woo Choi, Korean Ocean Research & Development Institute, Republic of Korea.

JODC had been conducting the IOC/WESTPAC Training on Oceanographic Data Management every year since 1982, and this training course was renovated and renamed the new IOC/WESTPAC Training Course on NEAR-GOOS Data Management.

NEAR-GOOS, which stands for North East Asian Regional Global Ocean Observing System, is a regional pilot project of GOOS in the Western Pacific region, presently with the participation of China, Japan, Republic of Korea, and Russian Federation, with a view to demonstrating the usefulness of a regional ocean observing system within the framework of GOOS. The essence of NEAR-GOOS is to promote free oceanographic data exchange in real-time through Internet in support of daily mapping of ocean conditions, benefiting a wide range of marine users.



Participants and lecturers of IOC/WESTPAC Training Course on NEAR-GOOS Data Management
Standing from left
Mr. Y. Michita (JODC), Mr. Quang Phan (Vietnam), Mr. S.D. Kim (Korea), Mr. H.W. Choi (Korea), Mr. G. Matsuura (JODC)
Seating from left
Mr. J.H. Park (Korea), Dr. N. Rykov (Russia), Mr. T. Nagai (JODC), Mr. S.H. Choi (Korea), Mr. K.R. Kang (Korea)

