

JHD RELEASING LARGE SCALE ENC ON S-57 ED. 3

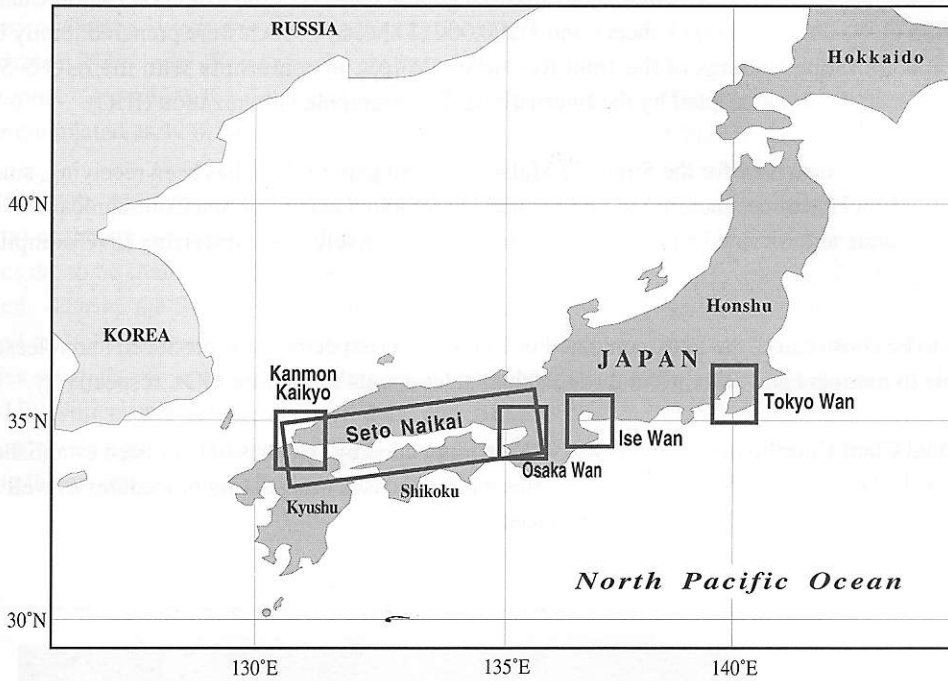
The Hydrographic Department of Japan (JHD) is just about releasing another Electronic Navigational Chart (ENC) to cover Tokyo Wan (Bay) at large scale.

The new large-scale ENC "Tokyo Wan" produced in conformity with the latest IHO S-57, Edition 3, the international

standards and specifications for ENC, will expectedly be published by the end of March 1998.

With the new ENC of Tokyo Wan as the Japanese first large scale ENC on IHO S-57, Edition 3, JHD is proceeding with production and publication of large-scale ENCs to cover specific areas of ports and harbours, straits and passages having heavy maritime traffic, such as Tokyo Wan, Ise Wan, Osaka Wan, Seto Naikai (Inland Sea) and Kanmon Kaikyo (strait) successively by the end of March 2001.

The existing ENCs, Nos. E7001, E7002, E7003 and E7004 constructed on the previous version of IHO S-57, Ver. 2, with which the whole Japanese waters have been covered at smaller scales, are now being transformed onto its new Edition 3 and will be released by the end of March 1999.

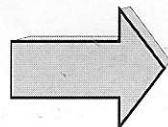
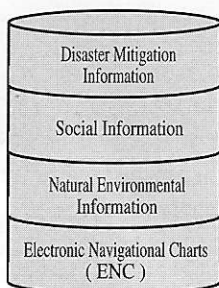


JHD TO SET UP COASTAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT OFFICE

The Hydrographic Department of Japan (JHD) will set up a coastal information management office in the near future as part of the JHD functions.

JHD is now proceeding with preparations for establishing a coastal information management office in its Oceanographic Data & Information Division (Japan Oceanographic Data Center (JODC)). The office will be responsible for provid-

ing various authorities and users concerned with data and information necessary to mitigate disasters and combat oil spills in coastal waters, for instance. The data and information particularly on prediction of spilled oil diffusion and drifting as well as existing natural, environmental and social features and conditions will be supplied for displaying them on computer displays superimposedly with the Electronic Navigational Chart (ENC).



Selection and retrieval of information required

