

A BOOK REVIEW: "DICTIONARY OF TECHNICAL TERM IN CARTOGRAPHY"

"Dictionary of Technical Term in Cartography" (Enlarged and Revised Edition) was published from Gihoudou Shuppan in Japan on 20 February, 1998. The editor is the Japan Cartographers Association and the size and pages of this book are B6 and 515.

This dictionary adopted about 2500 technical terms in the field of cartography and precise explanation for each term is given separately. This is written in Japanese, however an English index is attached to most of the technical terms, which would be convenient for trainees for Japanese language, especially for cartographers. This book is a revised one of its original edition published in 1985. The total number of technical terms listed in the original edition is about 2300. Explanation of the 65 terms, e.g. "navigation satellite", "map" and "digital map" are revised. Besides, the volume of the book is enlarged by the new 193 terms. They are in the fields of : 1. Theoretical cartography, e.g. cartographic communication, semiotics and cartographic model, 2. Computer assisted cartography, e.g. electronic chart, geospatial data, 3. Geographical Information System (GIS), 4. Space electronic chart, as Global Positioning System (GPS) and satellite image, 5. International cartographic activities and organizations, etc. The number of authors in total is about 70, including 18 from the Hydrographic Department of Japan. The price is 6600 Yen plus tax (5%).



JMSA Mascot Officer Seal Boy to be Commissioned

On the occasion of the semicentenary of founding of the Japan Maritime Safety Agency (JMSA) in May 1998, a seal boy will be appointed to a JMSA officer. His lovely naming is now invited publicly in Japan, and he will make his debut soon. The seal boy officer will participate in every event to be organized by JMSA.