

JHD TO HOST FIG-IHO TACC MEETING

The Hydrographic Department of Japan (JHD) will host the XIIth meeting of the FIG/IHO Technical Assistance and Cooperation Coordination Committee (TACC) scheduled to be held at JHD Tokyo Headquarters from 19 to 21 May 1998.

The scheduled topics to discuss in the meeting are as follows:

1. TACC Terms of Reference. Modification of IHO Technical Resolutions K4.1 to K4.4.
2. Possible creation of an IHO Technical Cooperation fund aimed at survey project.
3. Opening of TACC membership to international funding agencies like UNEP and European Commission.
4. Training courses offered to developing countries by national and international organizations (JICA, Trieste) and possible international coordination funding agencies like UNEP and European Commission.
5. Cooperation with FIG/IHO International Advisory Board on Standards of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors. Production of IHO Publication S-47, "Training courses in Hydrography and Nautical Cartography".
6. Needs for Technical Cooperation with special emphasis in the Asia and Pacific areas. South China Sea Project Report.
7. Progress of the IHO Publication S-55, "Status of Hydrographic Surveys Worldwide".

There is a plan for participants in the meeting to visit the facilities of JHD and a survey vessel on 21 May. If there are applicants to the meeting as observers, please make acontact with the Head of International Cooperation Office, JHD.

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JHD TO HOST FIG/IHO ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

The 21st meeting of the FIG/IHO International Advisory Board on Standards of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors is scheduled to be held at the Hydrographic Department of Japan (JHD) on 8 - 14 July 1998.

Now that the Course in Hydrography of the Maritime Safety School of Japan, which was accredited Category B in 1987,

was again recognized and re-awarded the internationally accredited "Category B Course" at its 20th meeting held in Stockholm, Sweden, in July-August 1997, JHD is resubmitting necessary documents to the Advisory Board at its 21st meeting to be held in Tokyo for reaffirmation of the JICA Group Training Course in Hydrographic Survey, which was initially awarded the Category B in 1988.

JHD TO HOLD AN EAST ASIAN SEMINAR ON MODERN HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYING AND ITS INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

The Hydrographic Department of Japan (JHD) is now planning to organize and hold an international seminar on modern hydrographic surveying and its international standards, particularly focused in IHO S-44 "Standards for Hydrographic Survey" and IHO M-5 "FIG/IHO International Standards of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors".

The seminar is scheduled to take place at the JHD Tokyo Headquarters on 8 - 10 July 1998 and in the fall season of 1999 in series, under the kind support of the Japan Hydro-

graphic Association (JHA) and the Sasakawa Peace Foundation of Japan.

For the seminar this year, a letter will shortly be sent from JHD to some Hydrographic Offices in the East Asian region, seeking nomination for participants in the seminar as well as requesting for preparation of a country report on hydrographic surveying and training of technical personnel.

Further information in detail will be released in due course.