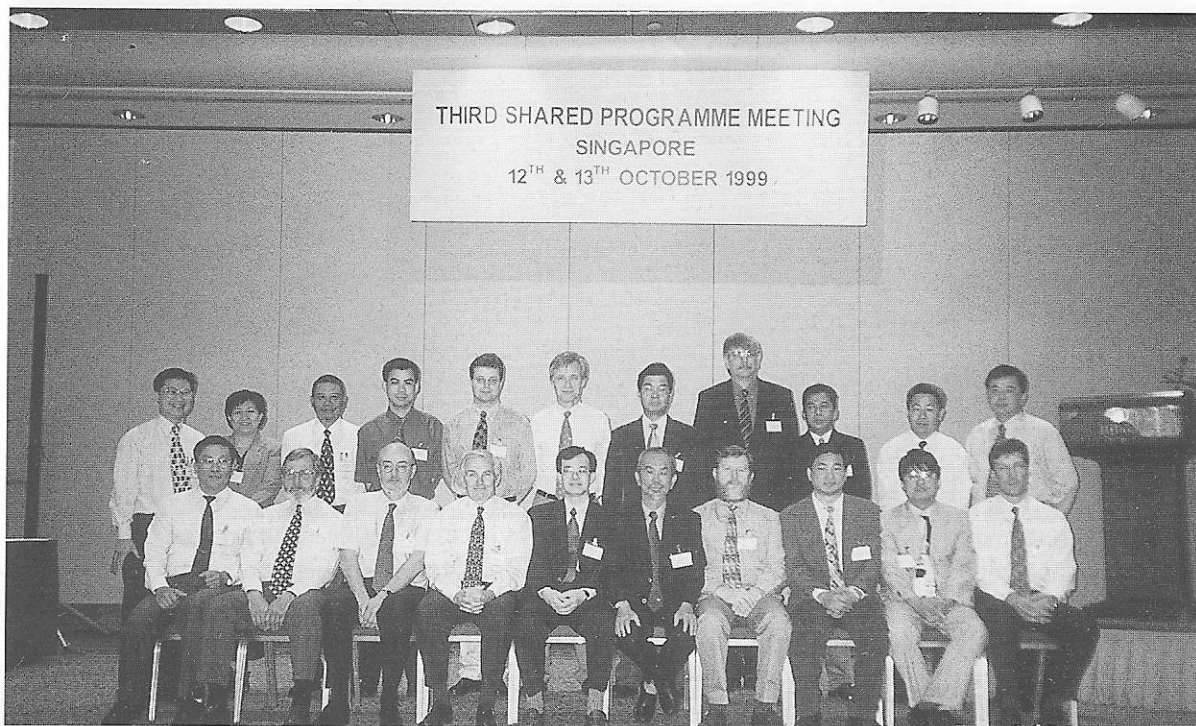


3RD SHARED PROGRAMME MEETING 12TH - 13TH OCTOBER 1999 IN SINGAPORE

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Participants at the 3rd SHARDE Meeting held in Singapore

The 3rd SHARED Programme Meeting was held in Singapore and attracted participants from Australia, Hong Kong SAR, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, South Korea, United Kingdom, USA and Singapore. Representative from PRIMAR also attended the meeting.

Mr. Toh Ah Cheong, Deputy Director(Technology) of Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore opened the meeting and welcomed all the delegates to Singapore. He highlighted that the SHARED Programme has demonstrated to the users worldwide that hydrographic offices are united in their aspirations to produce high quality chart data to further enhance safe navigation.

The following main activities were discussed at the meeting:

1. The sea trial from South Korea to Australia.
2. Round the world tour using ECDIS.
3. Malacca and Singapore Straits ENC.
4. The formation of the SHARED programme by International Hydrographic Organization.
5. ENC training.

The meeting also agreed that Singapore would be the SHARED Programme Coordinator and the next meeting will be held by October 2000.