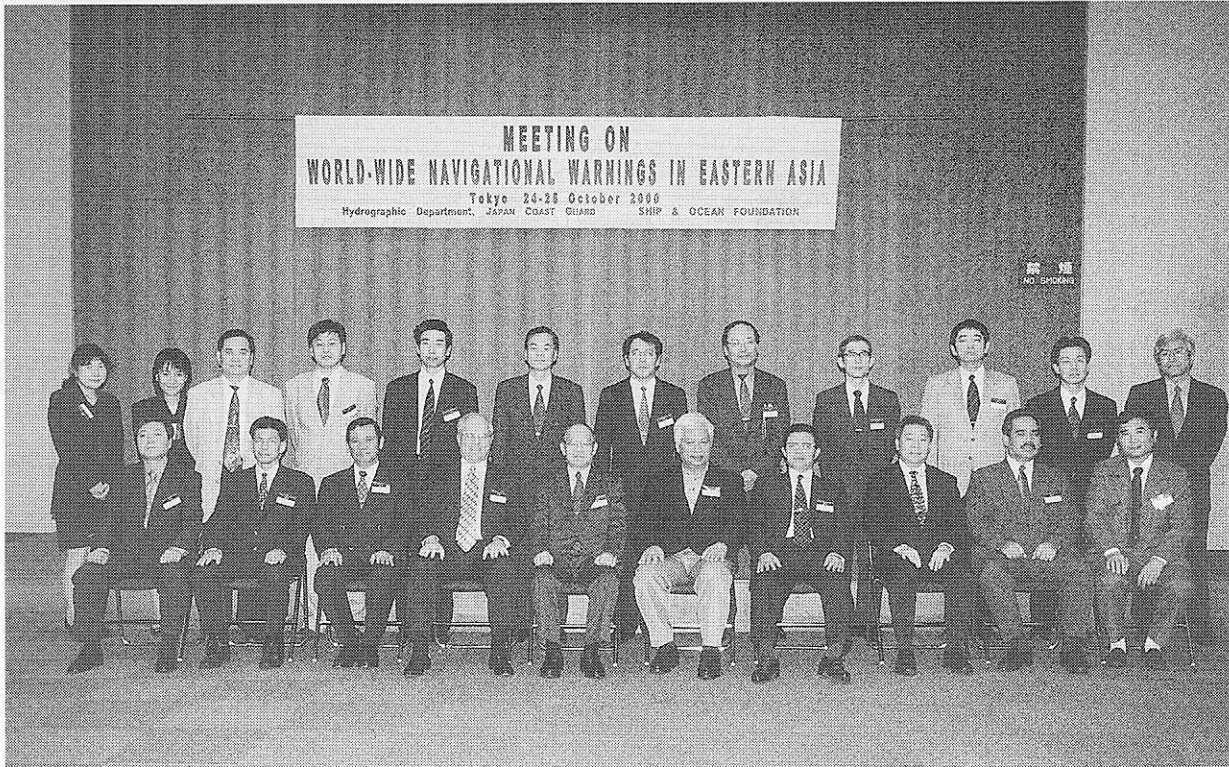


MEETING ON WORLD-WIDE NAVIGATIONAL WARNING IN EASTERN ASIA



Participants of the Meeting

The Meeting took place at the Conference Hall, in the Hydrographic Department, Japan Coast Guard (JCG), from 24 to 25 October 2000.

The Meeting was hosted by Japan, and was attended by China, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, U.S.A., and Viet Nam.

Background and Objectives of the Meeting;

* IHO Commission on the Promulgation of Radio Navigational Warnings (CPRNW/IHO) 5th Meeting held on June 2000 at Monaco and Japan was attended to this meeting as representation of NAVAREA XI Region.

* Piracy and Armed Robbery against ships occur frequently in the NAVAREA XI Region, and as it is prescribed in the DOCUMENT (S-53) that acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships are considered suitable for transmission as NAVAREA Warnings, but there is no information sent to the NAVAREA XI coordinator in the region where such acts occurred. And there is little information about navigational warnings from the countries in the region excluding limited parts of these countries. Therefore, we are unable to transmit sufficient information to ships in Eastern Asia by way of NAVAREA Warnings.

* GMDSS shifted to full enforcement in February of the last year. Accordingly, it is required for NAVAREA Warnings and NAVTEX Warnings of each country to complement and suit in order to secure the safety navigation in the NAVAREA XI. Therefore, it is necessary to strengthen further the cooperation with XI Coordinator and the relation country in the region.

* For this reason, the meeting in a region holds for establishment of smooth information exchange system after examined of each problem, and after understanding mutually. It is going to aim at exact employment of a navigational warning.