

***The 9th Meeting
of Advisory Board on the Law of the Sea (ABLOS)
Held in Tokyo
23-25 October 2002***

The 9th Business meeting of Advisory Board on the Law of the Sea (ABLOS) was held at the Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department of Japan from 23 to 25 October 2002, which was for the first time in Japan.

The ABLOS is comprised of ten members from the IHO, the International Association of Geodesy(IAG), the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission(IOC) and the United Nations Division of Ocean Affairs and Law of the Sea(DOALOS).

The meeting was opened to give the welcome address by Dr. Hideo Nishida, Director General of the Japan Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department. The main discussion topics is as follows.

• Minutes of the Eighth Business Meeting, • ABLOS membership, • The 2001 ABLOS Conference, • The 2001 ABLOS Conference's Committee on the Legal Issues of the Continental Shelf, • Determining a focus for future ABLOS activities, • The 2003 ABLOS Conference, • Revisions to the TALOS manual.



The meeting was attended by members,
Samuel BETAH,
IOC/UNESCO (Cameroon)
Chris CARLETON, IHO (UK)
Bjorn Geirr HARSSON, IAG
(Norway)
Tadahiko KATSURA, IHO
(Japan)
Ron MACNAB,
IOC/UNESCO (Canada),
Chairman
Chris RIZOS, IAG (Australia),
Vice-Chairman
Lars SJOBERG, IAG



(Sweden)

,and observers,

Dienaba BEYE, IOC/UNESCO (Paris)

Minoru SASAKI, HOD/JCG (Japan)

Shin TANI, HOD/JCG (Japan)

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During the afternoon of October 24, meeting participants visited HOD Survey Vessel SHOYO in Tokyo Harbour.

During the forenoon of October 25, Mini Workshop on UNCLOS took place at HOD.

Titles of the talks were The Ridge Issue (by Chris Carleton), UNCLOS Article 76:

Implications for Wide-Margin Coastal States, UNCLOS Article 76 and the Arctic Ocean(both by Ron Macnab), The Continental Shelf Survey Program of the Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department, Japan Coast Guard (by Shin Tani).

The next business meeting has been planned on 26–27 October 2003 in Monaco in conjunction with the ABLOS Conference.