

UJNR Sea-Bottom Surveys Panel met in Tokyo, Japan

The 32th Meeting of the Sea-Bottom Surveys Panel (SBSP) was established under the US-Japan Conference for Development & Utilization of Natural Resources (UJNR) was held at the Japan Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department (JHOD) in Tokyo on February 24-25, 2004.

The meeting was opened by the Japanese Panel Chairman Mr. Shin TANI, Director of Continental Shelf Surveys Office (present Director of Hydrographic Surveys Division), JHOD, which was followed by the welcome address made by the Chief Hydrographer of Japan and an opening remarks by the US Panel Chairman Capt. Roger L. Parsons, Director of Coast Survey Office, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), who led the other seven members including observer of the US Embassy in Tokyo.

Presentations and discussions made during the two-day meeting, among many, included activity reports of the Japanese and US Panels, technical reports on application of GNSS/GPS precision positioning, Airborne Lidar System, database construction of Bathymetric Data, and ENC products of next-generation chart.



Group Photo: at the roof of JHOD



Observing at Hiroshima airbase

A technical tour was also arranged for the US members on February 26-27. They observed Japanese Airborne Lidar “SHOALS-1000 System” at Hiroshima airbase as well as new 20m type survey boat “KURUSHIMA” (vide page 2 of EAHC Newsletter No.42/43) of 6th Regional Coast Guard Headquarters.

The Sea-Bottom Surveys Panel meeting has been held in Japan and US alternately every year since its 1st meeting held in Tokyo on October 1972.