

Seminar on Publishing of ENC in the South China Sea for International Navigation held in Tokyo, Japan



The Seminar was held at the Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department (JHOD) in Tokyo, Japan on March 4-5, 2004. This seminar aimed to discuss on charting, maintenance, publishing and cooperation on the ENC in the South China Sea for International Navigation, then to contribute to Safety Navigation and to conserve Marine Environment. The seminar was attended by more than 20 participants from 8 countries (China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand and Japan).

The seminar was financially supported by the Ship and Ocean Foundation (SOF) and took place in collaboration with Hydrographic Offices in East Asia Region and International Hydrographic Organization (IHO).



Welcome address by the Chief Hydrographer of Japan



Presentation of country report

The welcoming address was given on behalf of the organizer's SOF by Dr. Nishida, the Chief Hydrographer of Japan. He welcomed participants to the seminar and addressed the issue of ENC coverage.

He suggested that the seminar would be a great value to all participants in helping each other to publish ENCs in the South China Sea that aims to meet the safety navigation. The participants visited Mr. Akiyama, the Chairman of the SOF as a sponsor of the seminar. He told to his views that the seminar would be very fruitful and rewarding to contribute to mariners. The first day of the seminar was dedicated to presentations on activities in their countries and the International Hydrographic Bureau (IHB) with a specific focus on ENC coverage. The second day consisted of a discussion for an exchange of views and ideas on how the publishing ENCs in the South China Sea can better answer to the needs of mariners.