

Voice of the Participants JICA Group Training Course on Hydrographic Survey for 2004

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I am very grateful at this golden chance to express my impression about my stay here in Japan. First I am very thankful to God for giving me a chance to come and study in Japan. Secondly I could also like to pass my heart-felt appreciation to the Japan international agency for inviting me to come here. In fact this was far beyond my imagination.

For the time I have been here I have learn a lot of things. First I was so impressed by the good welcome accorded to me right from the airport to our Hostel TIC. During our orientation I learned a lot about Japan (Nihon) their culture economy and foreign policy. Japan being in fore front in economics has been providing manpower developing to many developing countries Kenya being one of them. We are very thankful to the government and people of this country. Concerning my Course here I am very happy to say that I have enjoyed every bit of it. From the opening ceremony up to now. During our Course we visited several cities to get the practical experience of Hydrographic survey. The cities which we visited are **Tsukuba, Sendai, Tateyama, Hiroshima, Kobe, Kyoto** and lastly **Shimoda**. Of all this cities which we visited, Tateyama survey was the most thrilling because it was my first time to board a survey ship. The Rolls, Heaves and pitches were a bit scaring. The experience I got is measurable by all standards. Also during my stay here I had the opportunity to meet and learn from several peoples from different countries. In fact Japan at present is the meeting point for peoples and cultures.

Let me now move to pass my heart felt gratitude to the following people who devoted all their time and energies to make sure, that we get the best. **Tozawa san, Nakanishi san, Yoshida san, Niimura san** and **last but not lest I would like to thank** Coordinator **Abe san** who, and is always a head of everything we do. God bless you all. The knowledge, which I have acquired here, will go a long way in improving the welfare of my countrymen and the world at large by providing accurate and reliable nautical charts.

To my fellow colleagues who acted as ambassadors of their countries our stay together has been a warm and wonderful one. Let me mention each of you by name **Salomon** (Malaysia), **John** (Philippines), **Gowraj** (Mauritius), **Khaled** (Egypt), **Rahman** (Bangladesh), **Ali** (Pakistan), **Jayasooriya** (Sri Lanka), **Agus** (Indonesia), and **Xu** (China) God bless all of you.

I also thank the Japanese government for being the light at end of the tunnel; we are following your steps. Thanks goes also to the staff of Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department, continue with the same spirit. To all those I have not mentioned their names I say a big thank you. I may not be present in Body but present in spirit and thought.

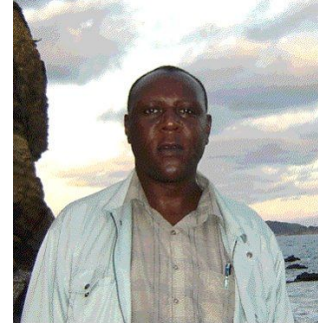
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First and foremost, I would like to give praise and thanks to God for His great goodness and His mercifulness, which brought me here safely. This is the first time I came to Japan and I was so amazed with the development that Japanese people have achieved. Japan is very modernized and civilized country. Through this magnificent segment, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation especially to Japanese government, JICA staff and all the staff of Japan Coast Guard for their warm welcome, generous hospitality, kindness, good cooperation and devoted service while I am staying here. This training course took 222 days and it started from 5 May 2004 to 12 December 2004. This course also ranks as one of the longest periods for Group Training, organized by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). During the period of this training, I have learned a lot of necessary knowledge and experience, especially the use of modern technique and technology in conducting hydrographic survey work. Beside that, we also have an observation and study tours to several places, which were related to this course, for example, we have visited Geographical Survey Institute and National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology in Tsukuba city, Tohoku University and Zao Nikon in Sendai, we also have a practical training on Board SV MEIYO in Tateyama Chiba, Demonstration of Harbour and Coastal Surveys in Hiroshima Port and Special Purpose Survey in Yokohama. The purpose of all those trips was preparing us before we go to Shimoda Port for one month field training. During our field training in Shimoda Port, we were also assistance by the staffs from 3rd Regional Coast Guard Headquarters in addition to the staffs from Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department, Japan Coast Guard, Tokyo. The reason is to make sure the course were going smoothly and successfully as scheduled. Days and time went very fast, the one-month field training was completed and it was done successfully. All of us returned to Tokyo with good health and safely with out any ills affecting our body. I was very happy and satisfied with that field training because all the knowledge attained during the lecture were applied during the successful execution of the survey and data processing work. Besides, I also had a great chance to visit some of the interesting places in Shimoda Port. Now, we have another one month to go and to complete this course successfully before we return to our respective country. We will spend the remaining days that we have for data processing, preparing a smooth sheet and writing a survey report. Now, the course is approaching its end. Before I say goodbye to all of you, once again, I would like say thank you very much to all the personnel which were involved directly or indirectly in this course, especially to Mr. Nakanishi as our Course Leader, Mr. Abe our Coordinator, Mr. Hiraide, Mr. Yoshida and Mr. Niimura (Staff from International Affairs Office), Mr. Tozawa from Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department of Tokyo, Japan Coast Guard, Staff from 3rd Regional Coast Guard Headquarters, all lecturers and all my fellow friends. Thank you very much for your kindness, cooperation and good support.

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THANK YOU.
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During my Training course

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Mission of "We as abridge between the people of Japan and developing countries, will advance international cooperation through the sharing of knowledge and experience and will work to

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build a more peaceful and prosperous world" at Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and in Hydrographic and Oceanographic survey modern theory, technique and experiences of resources available and employed at the Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department of Japan (JHOD) connecting and sharing promote at the Group training course in hydrographic survey II Internationally accredited category B course of nautical chart production. Every year participants from developing countries follow this course. Current year I participated from, mission of "the principal national institute charged with the responsibility of carrying out and coordinating research, development and management activities on the subject of aquatic resources" at the National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency (NARA) in Sri Lanka. Hydrographic survey and nautical charts is one of the most important subjects for the developing world not only for safe navigation but also for important to developments such as ocean research, investigation, engineering, management and exploration purposes. The period from 05th May to 12th December 2004 of my training and staying in Japan, It's a great opportunity to develop and improve my subject knowledge; experience and international standard also make good international relationships and sweet memories including entertainment. So, I am very lucky during this period to join in world Hydrographic surveying subjects at modern theory, technique, experiences and Hydrographic survey relation subjects (as Oceanography) studies and also to join with the wonderful nation and developed country like Japan. Also I am lucky and this is a good opportunity for me to use my knowledge and experience to give more support to develop my country. In this course curriculum is composed of lectures, practice field training and observation with study tour complying with the requirements under the International Standards of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors, 8th edition, 1997. During the course the lectures and Practices as Hydrographic survey and Hydrographic survey relation subjects were studied and covered by Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department Tokyo at seminar room. We could learn at Hydrographic survey from basic stage knowledge and various analogue, traditional method and calculation system up to digital, modern system and computer program. Every subject we studied was evaluated through writing examinations. In course scheduled at Field training as Harbour and Coastal surveys in Shimoda (one month), Automatic Hydrographic data acquisition system on board survey (S/V HAMASHIO) and On board survey Geology, Navigation survey at S/V MEIYO. And Observation and Study tour as conduct to introduce at modern instruments, techniques, system and facilities hydrographic and charting services as well as related field of Science and technology in Japan governmental research hydrographic and cartographic equipment manufacturing companies.

Field training and observations, enabled me to practice what I had learnt during the lectures and also to understand them better and the Study tours were very interesting to us. Because, we were able to visit and

discover many developed places scientific, environment, beautiful, Japanese culture history and religion among visited at Shimoda onboard survey, harbour and beautiful beach at Tateyama onboard at North Pacific sea, beach, harbour and Odaiba, at Tsukuba observed the Geological survey of Japan, Geological Survey institute observed the map and survey museum, Tsukuba Expo centre, at Hiroshima Harbour coastline survey, Miyajima cultural and religion, A-bomb museum Hiroshima and Hiroshima Castle, At Sendai observation the Zao Nikon survey instruments manufacturing company, and Research centre for Prediction of Earthquake and Volcanic Eruption, At observation the Kyowa Shoko tide observer instrument manufacturing company, We observed the Ocean survey equipment manufacture Toyo Corporation, Tokyo bay Traffic advisory service office tours improved our knowledge in developing modern equipments and manufacturing system, research and observation system, preservation and displaying system. Also these activities helped us to avoid our sickness and tiredness.

During my training period mainly accommodation was provided by the Tokyo International centre under Japan International Cooperation Agency at Tokyo. And provided entertainment facilities to make good friendship and also get knowledge about Japanese culture, religions and Japanese people introduced the indoor programme as Tea ceremony, Kimono wearing show, Japanese calligraphy and Japanese musical programme and at outside tours like climbing the mount Fuji, Kamakura temple and city tours. Also these programmes made most important to us in avoiding our sicknesses and loneliness too. When I came to Japan, I knew absolutely nothing about hydrographic survey and I will go back with much knowledge, gathered though hard study, which will help me to serve my institute, and my country, Thank you very much for the Japanese government and greeting to JICA and JHOD also instructors, lecturers, coordinators, and the supporting staff.

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