

The Exchange of the Record of Intention between Japan Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department and Chilean Hydrographic and Oceanographic Service

The Hydrographic and Oceanographic Service of the Chilean Navy (SHOA) is one of the oldest hydrographic offices in the world. It was built in 1874, more than 130 years ago. SHOA not only has rich history but also contributes for navigation safety, producing various nautical charts and documents including ENC, casting Notices to Mariners as the coordinator of NAVAREA XV area. The SHOA is also responsible for Chilean Standard time. You can look into the SHOA website (<http://www.horaoficial.cl/f2ing.htm>) to see Chilean Standard time.

SHOA and Japan Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department (JHOD) have common interests on hydrography. Two states have long coastal lines, depend on maritime transport, have prosperous fishery, are widely open to the same ocean, the Pacific Ocean, and have much experience of Tsunami disasters. For these reasons, SHOA and JHOD agreed that deeper cooperation with two institutes would lead significant outcome for navigation safety.



JHOD invited Captain Roberto Garnham, the Director of SHOA and Commander Patricio Carrasco, the Head Research and Development Department from 25 to 29 July 2005. Two Chilean hydrographer discussed quite deeply with JHOD officers for the cooperation between two institutes. They researched the Tsunami Warning System, natural resource development research like methane hydrate, ENC distribution of the Pacific Ocean area, and JHOD hydrographic activity. SHOA and JHOD, at last, decided to exchange the Record of Intention that two institutes would have mutual cooperation in fostering beneficial activities in the fields of their competence.



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