

42nd Ocean Mapping Group Multibeam Course

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The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore, together with the Ocean Mapping Group (University of New Brunswick) and the Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping Joint Hydrographic Center (University of New Hampshire) hosted the 42nd Ocean Mapping Group Multibeam Course from 20 to 25 Nov 2006 in Singapore at the Furama City Centre Hotel.

The Course was highly successful with 64 participants from 19 countries from across the world attending. Among the participants were 7 supported by the IHO Capacity Building Work Programme. Out the 7 participants, 5 were from the East Asia Hydrographic Commission (China, Indonesia, Korea, Philippines and Thailand).

The range of fields and industries represented was impressive with participants from port authorities, maritime safety agencies, hydrographic offices, educational/research institutions, equipment manufacturers, survey companies, offshore/oil and gas companies attending the Course. Despite the attendance being among the largest for any Multibeam Course, feedback revealed that interaction between lecturers and participants was higher than at any previous course.

To enhance interaction, a number of social events were held in the evenings: the Course Icebreaker Reception, a presentation by Atlas Hydrographic and a reception hosted by IVS3D and their Singapore representative, Sea and Land Technologies. These provided an open and casual atmosphere during which participants, lecturers and organisers were able to network, share their experiences, express their opinions and ask questions.

Resulting from the success of the Course, the Maritime and Port Authority of

Singapore and the Course organisers are happy to announce that arrangements have been made to hold a Multibeam Course in Singapore in Nov 2008 and thereafter, annually. This is part of the East Asia Hydrographic Commission's commitment to raise the standards of hydrography in the East Asia region through hydrographic training.

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