"ENC WORKSHOP" HELD IN HDRTN



From 7th to 11th July 2008, the Hydrographic Department, Royal Thai Navy (HDRTN) organized and hosted an ENC Workshop, which was jointly supported by the Hydrographic Department of Singapore (HD/MPA), the Japan Hydrographic Association (JHA), and Nippon Sogo Systems, Inc. (NSS).

On 7th July, the first day of the workshop, Capt. Nattavut Prateepaphalin, Head of Nautical Charting Section, HDRTN, gave a lecture to the participants invited from various organizations in Thailand, introducing nautical charting activities including ENC production in Thailand as well as briefing on various aspects of ECDIS and ENC and on vector/raster charts.

On 8th July the workshop was officially opened by the welcome address delivered by Rear Admiral Prayuth Netrprapa, Deputy Director General of HDRTN, followed by the opening remarks made by Mr. Osamu OWADA, Special Advisor for International Affairs of JHA, which kindly extended its cooperation in providing a fund and sending a lecturer for holding the workshop. Following the opening ceremony, Ms Jenny Goh, Technical Officer

(Cartography) of HD/MPA, Singapore, made her lecture on the subjects of "QA of ENC Database" and "ENC Updating". On 9th July, the lectures on "ENC Data Protection Scheme" and "ENC Distribution/Data Management System" were delivered by Dr. Yoshio KUBO, Advisor of JHA, and on 10th July the lectures on "Basic Concept for ENC Production/ENC Compilation-Examination Software used in JHOD" and "Introduction to ENC Viewers" were given by Mr. Fukuzui MORI and Mr. Yutaka MORITA, Nippon Sogo Systems, Inc.

The workshop held from 8th to 11th July was mainly aimed at capacity building of technical personnel of HDRTN who are currently engaged mainly in nautical charting and ENC production and expected to become instructors in HDRTN as well as one more participant from JHA, Mr. Seiki ITO, one of the ENC staff of JHA.

On the final day of the workshop, 11th July, a question and answer session was provided, which was followed by the closing ceremony and a certificate was awarded by Mr. Osamu OWADA, Special Advisor of JHA, to each participant of the workshop. The workshop was successfully completed with the closing address and speech made by Vice Admiral Congvat Neelasri, Director General of HDRTN and Mr. Owada, JHA, respectively.

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Welcome address made by Rear Admiral Prayuth Netrprapa, Deputy Director General, HDRTN



Opening speech made by Mr. Osamu OWADA, Special Advisor for International Affairs, JHA