

Celebration of "The World Hydrography Day 2009" in Japan

The Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department of Japan (JHOD) made press release to promote World Hydrography Day (WHD) 2009 and hosted the following events from 17th to 22nd June to celebrate the WHD.

- 1) The meeting of Regional Directors of the Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department was held to discuss problems at issue and future outlooks for Regional Hydrographic and Oceanographic Departments at JHOD in Tokyo from 18th to 19th June. After the meeting, a party which was one of a chain of the special events was hosted by the Chief Hydrographer, Dr. Shigeru Kato, who welcomed the Commandant of the Japan Coast Guard (JCG), Mr. Teiji Iwasaki.



(Front row from left): Y. Nagaya , S. Satoh, S. Kasuga, S. Osanai, T. Iwasaki (Commandant of JCG), S.Kato (Chief Hydrographer), H. Ogawa, S. Tani, A. Sengoku, Y. Kato

- 2) Hydrographic and Oceanographic Museum was opened to the public at 10:00 to 17:00 from 17th to 22nd June (except 20th and 21st), in which IHO publications, Poster presenting the IHO, Slideshow provided by the IHB, "Ino-Zu (Japanese historical maps)", old Military Secret Charts, etc. were displayed.



Overview of *Hydrographic and Oceanographic Museum*

- 3) The GEOINFORMATION FORUM JAPAN 2009 which is the Japan's largest forum and exhibition for Survey, map Design and relating computer Systems was held at PACIFICO Yokohama (Convention Complex in Yokohama) from 17th to 19th June. The JHOD set up a booth in forum and presented our activities, importance of hydrography, also introduced the "World Hydrography Day 2009".

