

**JICA Group Training Course on
Information Management for Maritime Activity and
Disaster Prevention for 2009 finished**

The closing ceremony of JICA Group Training Course on “Information Management for Maritime Activity and Disaster Prevention” was held at JICA Tokyo on 3 December 2009. Six trainees from Indonesia, Malaysia (two trainees), Kenya, Thailand, and Pakistan were granted certification of International Accredited Category B for Hydrographic Survey from Mr Hidefumi Hata, Deputy Director General of Japan Coast Guard.

The Training course was conducted for six months from June 2009. During the course, trainees went through various training including lectures on hydrographic survey, field training of harbour coastal surveys in SHIOGAMA Port for three weeks, and on-board training using survey vessel. They also made study tours of several institutions including Shizuoka Prefectural Earthquake Preparedness Education Center in order to get knowledge of utilizing bathymetric data obtained from hydrographic survey for prevention of disaster such as earthquakes and tsunamis.

The trainees are expected to promote friendly relations among trainees and JHOD officers, and to contribute to hydrography in their own countries by utilizing knowledge and experience obtained through the course after going home.

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Closing Ceremony



Field Training in SHIOGAMA Port



Survey Vessel MEIYO