

JICA Group Training (Hydrographic Survey) Started

JICA group training course “Marine Information Management for Navigation Safety, Disaster Prevention and Environmental Protection (Internationally Accredited Category B for Hydrographic Survey)” has started on June 13 at the Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department of the Japan Coast Guard (JHOD).

This is a new and improved version of the previous course titled “Information Management for Maritime Activity and Disaster Prevention (Internationally Accredited Category B for Hydrographic Survey)”, which had been held until last year. The revised curriculum has been enriched with subjects of environmental protection and GIS.

We have nine trainees participating in this program from six countries: Cambodia, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Samoa, and Vietnam.

The trainees paid a courtesy call on Dr. Kato, Chief Hydrographer on June 13 and received a warm welcome from him. Dr. Kato said, “Take good care of yourself. Work hard and learn a lot of knowledge in this course, but don’t forget to enjoy Japanese culture and life in Japan.”

On June 14, we had trainees’ presentation of report on their respective countries. Each trainee made a report on his or her country’s approach to hydrographic activities and their issues.

The training course is scheduled to be held for about six months, until the end of November. One of the trainees’ goals is to get a certificate of the Internationally Accredited Category B for Hydrographic Survey. A variety of training programs include a series of lectures at the JHOD, a hydrographic field practice in Mikawa port in Gamagoori City (the 4th Regional Coast Guard Headquarters), lectures on airborne laser hydrography at the 7th Regional Coast Guard Headquarters, a study tour of the tidal station in the 6th Regional Coast Guard Headquarters, and a study tour of an earthquake and tsunami research facility.



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