

## **JICA Group Training Course on hydrographic surveys for 2012**

JICA Group Training Course “Hydrography for Charting, Disaster Prevention, and Environment Protection (Internationally Accredited Category B for Hydrographic Survey),” which is held annually since 1971, was conducted at the Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department of the Japan Coast Guard (JHOD) from June 5 to December 1, 2012. Ten participants from seven countries joined the course this year. They are from: Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Seychelles and Vietnam.

During this six-month training, the participants have learned a lot through a field training in Naoetsu port in Niigata Prefecture and a onboard training by using JHOD’s survey vessel MEIYO as well as many lectures pertaining to hydrographic surveys plus disaster prevention and so on.

As all the participants completed the course successfully, each of them was given a Cat B certificate at the closing ceremony held in JICA Tokyo International Center.



Field training in Naoetsu port



Onboard training on survey vessel MEIYO



Closing Ceremony

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