

(2) Review of the data flow system; and,  
(3) Preliminary statistics produced by Special Analysis Centers. Participants for the meeting will include experts responsible

for oceanographic data management in Asian countries as well as the members of the committee.

## TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE TO OCCUR J.H.D. OBSERVATION TEAM DISPATCHED

A total eclipse of the sun will occur on 11 July this year, and it will be observed in the zone covering from the mid North Pacific Ocean to Latin American countries. The total solar eclipse to occur this time is said to be one of the largest scale in this century.

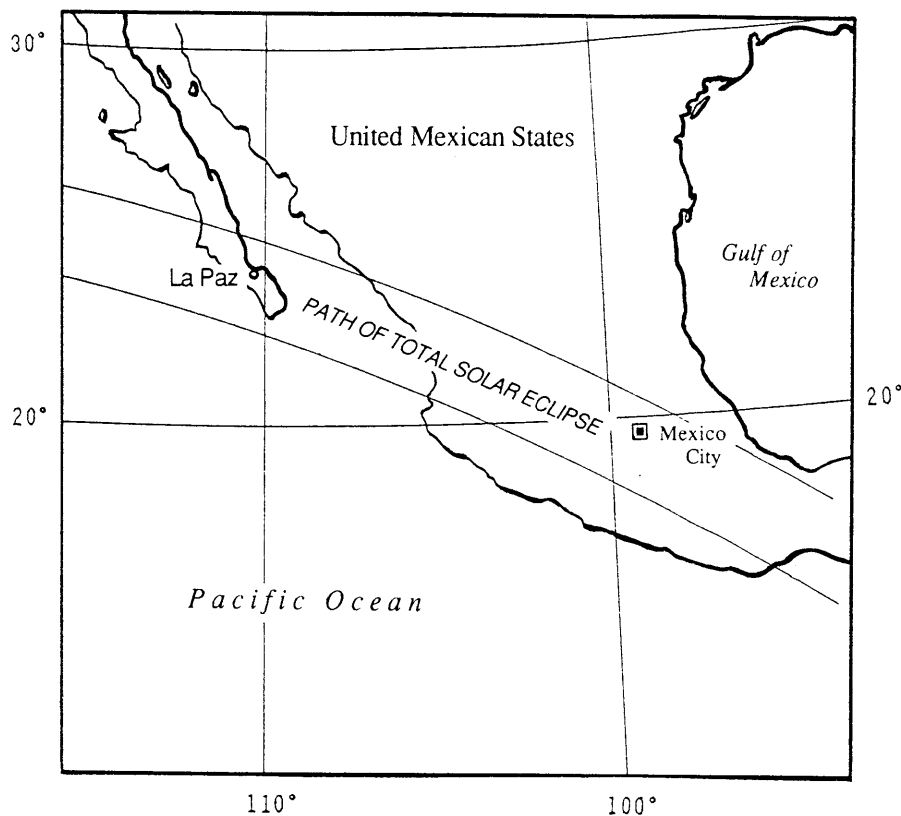
The Japan Total Solar Eclipse Observation Party, 1991, which is composed of 8 members; 3 from Kyoto University, 3 from the Japan National Astronomical Observatory, and 2 from the Hydrographic Department of Japan, is being dispatched to La Paz, Mexico, located at the southernmost tip of Baja California (California Peninsula) from 11 June to 22 July 1991.

From the Hydrographic Department of Japan, Mr. K. Koyama, Geodesy and

Geophysics Research Officer of the Tokyo Headquarters, and Mr. M. Okumura, Observation Officer of the Bisei Hydrographic Observatory situated in Okayama Prefecture, joined the Japan Observation Party. The JHD team is responsible to observe the contact time (starting and ending times of the total eclipse) and to fix the geographical coordinates of the observation station.

It is 8 years since the JHD dispatched the total solar eclipse observation team to Indonesia in 1983.

The observation data to be obtained will be fully used to enhance the accuracy of the Japanese Ephemeris and the other nautical almanacs published by JHD.



Path of Total Eclipse, 11 July 1991