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Celebrations of World Hydrography Day 2015 in Japan

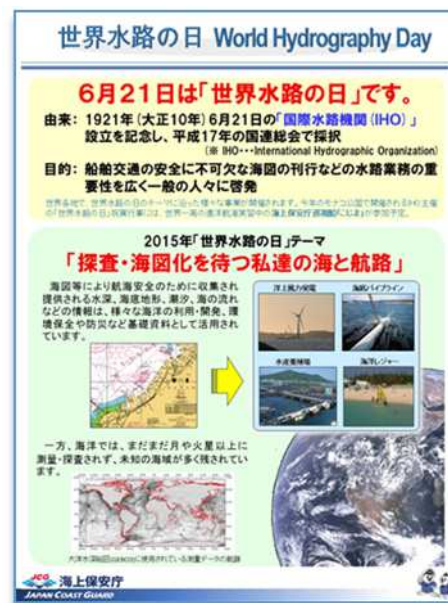
Japan celebrated World Hydrography Day in 2015 at many places in Japan even beyond the sea according to the theme of the WHD in 2015, “Our seas and waterways – yet to be fully charted and explored”.

A meeting of directors among regional hydrographic and oceanographic departments, Japan Coast Guard was held in Tokyo, on 18-19 June 2015. At its opening address, Vice Admiral Shigeru KASUGA, Chief Hydrographer of Japan, highlighted importance of international cooperation and further development capacity on information services, and then the meeting discussed a middle and long term visions of Japan Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department (JHOD).

A special poster exhibition was organized at the JHOD museum in Tokyo from 1 to 30 June 2015 to increase public awareness of Hydrography following this year theme of WHD displaying the latest survey and research results of the JHOD, such as a discovery of the largest hydrothermal chimney field in the Japanese EEZ using Autonomous Underwater Vehicles in 2014 and volcanic activities of Nishinoshima island which is located in far south from Japan and it is still expanding its land area by active eruptions. Many regional hydrographic and oceanographic departments across Japan also conducted an event celebrating the WHD in 2015 and their events were taken up by local medias.

A training vessel Kojima of the Japan Coast Guard Academy visited the Monaco port on 30 June to 1 July during her training cruise around the world from 28 April to 6 August directed by Capt. Mitsuya. 34 postgraduate students embarked on T/V Kojima for a final on-board training before his/her assignment.

In Monaco, the students visited the International Hydrographic Bureau and were given a lecture by Capt. Robert WARD, President of IHO. Furthermore, the WHD in 2015 was celebrated on board of T/V Kojima on 30 June 2015 having a participation of HSH Prince Albert II and guests including the participants of IHO Nautical Information Provision Working



One of the WHD Posters in 2015 in Japanese

Group (NIPWG) meeting held in Monaco from 29 June to 3 July 2015. The students introduced the guests of some Japanese cultures at this celebration by such as demonstrating Kendo which is Japanese fencing and performing making rice cake.

The students said that it was very valuable experience in Monaco for them to meet HSH Prince Albert II and international experts of NIPWG at the celebration of the WHD in 2015 and improved their knowledge on hydrographic services through the lecture by Capt. WARD, president of IHO. Such experience will be useful for their jobs in JCG in the future.



A Lecture to the JCGA Students by Capt. WARD, President of IHO at the IHB Office



A scene of the exhibition of the WHD in 2015 at the JHOD Musiam
Students of Fisheries High School in Hokkaido visited the exhibition.



Celebration of the WHD in 2015 on T/V Kojima, Japan Coast Guard Academy



A scene of the exhibition of the WHD in 2015 at the 7th Regional Coast Guard Hedaqarters, JCG
About 1000 people visited the exhibition at Kanmon Straites Live Musium on 12-18 June 2015.



T/V Kojima leaving the Monaco Port for her next destination, the Singapole Port