

Short biography

Shin Tani is Cabinet Counselor, working for the Secretariat of the Headquarters for Ocean Policy, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of Japan. He has been in charge of the UNCLOS continental shelf surveys since 2001 as the Director of the Continental Shelf Surveys Office of the Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department of the Japan Coast Guard and as Cabinet Counselor. He also serves as Guest Professor of Kanazawa University and will teach as a guest lecturer at the University of Tokyo.

He has a geophysical background. His wide area of activities includes bathymetry, hydrography, geodesy, oceanography, marine pollution, nautical charting and printing, and oceanographic and marine geological/geophysical data management in scientific, technical and technological aspects, capacity building in these areas, as well as planning and coordination in the marine related arena.

In the international professional arena, he contributed to the International Oceanographic Data and International Exchange programme (IODE) of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (UNESCO/IOC), and to the World Ocean Circulation Experiment (WOCE) as the member of the Data Management Committee and the Data Product Committee from 1991 to 1996. He has been a member of ABLOS from 2003 and is about to complete his term of the Chairman at the end of this Conference. He has been a member of several committees of the Joint IOC-IHO GEBCO Guiding Committee from 1989.