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The 4th CHC and 2nd RECC of EAHC were held in Tokyo, Japan, 28 - 30 July 2015

The 4th Charting and Hydrography Committee (CHC) Meeting and 2nd Regional ENC Coordinating Centre (RECC) Working Group Meeting of the East Asia Hydrographic Commission (EAHC) were held from 28 to 30 July 2015 at the Japan Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department (JHOD) in Tokyo. The objective of CHC is to monitor requirements of mariners and other users for hydrographic information concerning use of hydrographic products and information systems. The objective of RECC is to coordinate ENCs harmonization, quality assurance and updating at regional level.

The meetings were attended by 24 participants from 8 countries - China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippine, Republic of Korea, Singapore and Vietnam. This time is the first EAHC related meeting in 3 years since the last meeting held in Japan (the last meeting was held in Okinawa), and in 25 years in Tokyo.

In the meetings, a variety of new survey and charting technology such as S-100, which is the next standard of ENC, and nautical charting systems used by the EAHC MSs were discussed.

Japan reported the progress of research on Satellite Derived Bathymetry and the activity as the Permanent Secretariat of EAHC. On the fringe of meetings JHOD also showed the Japanese new Charting system and a class of training course on hydrographic survey, which JHOD has been conducting in cooperation with JICA.

This meetings were successfully finished with facilitating to strengthen cooperation among the EAHC MSs.

