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International Workshop on Tsunami Inundation Mapping from 25 to 26 November 2015 in Tokyo

International Workshop on Tsunami Inundation Mapping was held on 25 to 26 November 2015 at Japan Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department (JHOD) in Tokyo, Japan, as a part of IHO capacity building program in cooperation with Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) Tsunami Program and Port and Airport Research Institute (PARI).

It was the first time to have such a workshop among Hydrographic Offices in the East Asia region. The objective of this workshop was to improve capacity of Hydrographic Offices mainly in the East Asia countries for development and utilization of tsunami inundation map and to discuss the way forward to realize it, through some lectures given by researchers from Tohoku University, PARI, etc. and sharing experiences or challenges among the participants.

The lectures were about lessons learned from Great East Japan Earthquake 2011, effective countermeasures for tsunami by local government Kamakura city, and so on. The number of participants was 9 from 8 countries such as Bangladesh, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, and



Participants of the Workshop

Thailand.

After the workshop, study tour to PARI and Kamakura city was conducted. In PARI, participants saw some experimental equipment related to tsunami protection. Also they saw various signboards that show tsunami information or evacuation route in Kamakura city, which were based on tsunami inundation map and on actual townscape in the city.

As a result, the workshop was satisfied by the participants. Some of them mentioned that it was meaningful for considering an evacuation plan in their countries, or it would be necessary for us to share our experiences and lessons of disasters and make a better evacuation plan for each country.