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## Successfully Finished Maritime Safety Information Course for EAHC Members on 3 to 5 March 2015 in Tokyo

Maritime Safety Information (MSI) Course for East Asia Hydrographic Commission (EAHC) Members was conducted on 3 to 5 March 2015 at Japan Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department in Tokyo, Japan, as a part of IHO capacity building program with support by IHO World-Wide Navigational Warnings Service Sub Committee (WWNWS-SC).

Objectives of this training course were to increase the flow of MSI to the NAVAREA XI Coordinator, to standardize MSI promulgated in the NAVAREA XI region, to re-emphasize the importance of establishing expertise in the countries in the region, and to fulfill the role of National Coordinators.

The training course was the 14th course for WWNWS-SC but, for EAHC, it was the first time to have such practical training course on MSI in the region. JHOD hosted this training course taking a request by EAHC as the NAVAREA XI Coordinator. The training course was attended by 10 participants from 8 countries: China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Rep. of Korea, Singapore and Vietnam.

The training course included 1.5 days of practical exercise. Lectures were



Participants of the MSI Training Course

provided by Capt. Alain Roualt from SHOM, France. He is also the vice-chair of WWNWS-SC. The practical exercise was led by Mr. Akio Hiraide, principal officer of JHOD on Navigational Warnings with assistance by his staff, and done by small divided groups.

A result of the training course was satisfied by the participants rating almost Good or Very Good in the questionnaires which were replied by the participants at the end of training course. They also emphasized the necessity that the training course should be conducted regularly in the region for practical working level.



Practical Exercise