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## Celebrations of World Hydrography Day 2017 in Japan

As many other member states, Japan celebrated World Hydrography Day (WHD) in 2017.

In this year, special poster exhibitions were held in many places as usual and the venues have been increased in recent years. Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department, Japan Coast Guard (JHOD) with its regional headquarters held eleven exhibitions in various occasions to raise people's awareness about the significance of hydrographic and oceanographic service in our society.

In Tokyo, a special poster exhibition was organized at the JHOD museum from 12 to 30 June 2017 as well as the similar exhibition at the Central Government Building No.3 from 19 to 30 June. In the Central Government Building, many visitors for the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, enjoyed the exhibition with 3D seabed anaglyph image with red-blue plastic glasses. Following this year's theme of WHD, JHOD displayed how rapidly the hydrographic and oceanographic service has been changed and in society, it has been much more important than ever.

Various activities of the JHOD were displayed, such as the Marine Cadastre of Japan which comprehensively visualizes marine-related information on Web-browser as a kind of MSDI system. Disaster prevention is also a very important issue in Japan and the JHOD's

long-term effort for the Great East Earthquake in 2011 and the volcanic activities in Nishi-no-Shima Island were captured in the poster.

The similar events celebrating the WHD in 2017 were also conducted with the support by many regional headquarters of Hydrographic and Oceanographic departments including the Coast Guard Academy and their events were taken up by local media.

The display at the JHOD museum



The display at the Central Government Building No.3

