

# UKHO International Training Success



For the fifth consecutive year, the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO) has delivered a successful outcome from its internationally renowned and accredited marine cartography courses. The course provides students from around the world with fundamental skills and knowledge to compile and maintain digital and paper navigational charts to the standard required for safe sea-going navigation.

Students from the Hydrographic Organisations of Algeria, Bulgaria, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago and Japan arrived at the UKHO in Taunton, Somerset, in September 2013 to undertake the intellectually challenging 15-week programme.

This was the last course of a five-year commitment in support of the Capacity Building Project of Japan, sponsored by the NIPPON Foundation, a philanthropic organisation that focuses on the maritime industry.

During the course, students and trainers were honoured to receive a visit from Rear Admiral Mustafa Iptes, director of the International Hydrographic Bureau; Mr Yamao, Special Projects Officer for Japan IHB and Mr Kanazawa, technical advisor from the Japan Hydrographic Association who presented certificates to the students at the successful completion of training.

In addition to completing practical assignments, the students benefited from field trips to the port authorities of Bristol and Brixham.

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