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Summary
The present paper summarizes the major activities of Japanese public organizations on geospatial information management. The paper describes the surveying and mapping projects as well as new technical information since the eighteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific. Most of the Geospatial information in Japan is developed out under the Survey Act. Main objectives of the act are to coordinate various survey works efficiently, to standardize accuracy and to avoid duplicated work. Surveying and mapping projects managed by public organizations are mainly classified into two categories by the act. The first one is the Fundamental Survey executed nationwide by the Geospatial Information Authority (GSI), and the other is the Public Survey for local governmental projects or special projects which are carried out by other governmental or public organizations such as the Forestry Agency, the Geological Survey of Japan of the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (GSJ, AIST), and the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT).

Preparation of various kinds of charts and nautical publications is carried out by the Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department (HOD) of the Japan Coast Guard.

Geospatial Information Authority of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (GSI/MLIT)

1 Developing, updating, and providing geospatial information as the infrastructure in a responsible manner

1-1 Controlling the reference framework of Japan

► Development of references for longitude and latitude

In April 2002, GSI adopted a world geodetic system as the national standard and abolished former Japan Geodetic System which was locally used in Japan. In this system, the coordinates of Origin of the Japanese Horizontal Control Network have been precisely determined through VLBI (Very Long Baseline Interferometry) observations conducted in accordance with the international joint observations guidelines.

Due to the crustal deformation caused by the 2011 off the Pacific coast of Tohoku Earthquake, the longitude and the latitude of Origin of the Japanese Horizontal Network was updated to the accurate values by VLBI and GNSS observations.

► Development of references for elevation

● Reference of elevation for leveling surveys -Origin of the Japanese Vertical Control Network-

The elevation indicated by Origin of the Japanese Vertical Control Network was originally determined as 24.500 meters. However, this was revised as 24.4140 meters due to the crustal deformation induced by the Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923 and then revised again as 24.3900 meters due to the subsidence of the 2011 off the Pacific coast of Tohoku Earthquake.

Today, GSI monitors height from the mean sea level through 25 nationwide tidal observation stations including Aburatsubo Tidal Station in Miura City, Kanagawa Prefecture and repeated leveling along the leveling route, which extends about 20,000 kilometers all over Japan, for maintaining the reference for elevation.

● Required elevation correction for GNSS surveys – geoid –

In the GNSS surveys, only ellipsoidal height can be measured. Thus, in order to determine elevation, it is necessary to subtract (correction) the geoid height from ellipsoidal height. GSI conducts leveling
surveys, gravity surveys and geoid surveys, and determines distribution of geoid heights in Japan.

1-2 Conducting observations that are necessary for controlling positional reference
   ► Observation of geomagnetism
   The observation of geomagnetism allows us to determine the time series variation of geomagnetism and its spatial variation all over Japan. These data are used to monitor volcanic activity.
   ► Observation of gravity
   The data obtained from gravity observations help us to determine the precise form of the Earth (geoid) as well as to estimate its internal constitution.

1-3 Providing an environment where anyone can survey
   ► GNSS-based Control Stations (Reference for GNSS surveys)
   GSI has established 1,240 (as of January 2012) GNSS-based Control Stations (GCSs) throughout the country of Japan. These national control points conduct GNSS continuous observation and provide the basis for various types of surveys. GCSs continuously receive signals from GNSS satellites and transfer the observation data to GSI Headquarters in Tsukuba, Ibaraki Prefecture.
   GCS observation data are utilized in various areas including surveying, and the monitoring of crustal movements.
   ► Development of control points on remote islands
   The Basic Act on Ocean Policy was implemented in July 2007. In order to specify Japanese territory and territorial waters precisely, as well as to manage and maintain remote islands, GSI establishes new triangulation points and resurveys existing triangulation points.

1-4 Providing reliable location information
   ► Providing reliable location information on unstable landform
   ● Semi-dynamic correction
   In January 2010, “Semi-dynamic correction” was introduced for GSI’s control point surveys to remove the effects of strain caused by crustal deformations due to the constant plate motions.
   Public surveys which use only GCSs as reference points has been applied since 1st order control point surveys in January 2010. For the correction support, semi-dynamic correction software with the parameter files and its manuals are available on GSI website.
   ● GSI provides survey results on triangulation points and benchmarks as well as correction parameters
   GSI has revised the survey results of triangulation points and benchmarks in October 2011 in the area where the large-scale crustal deformation occurred due to the 2011 off the Pacific coast of Tohoku Earthquake on March 11.
   As for the revision of the public control points in such area, each survey planning organization can conduct the revision if necessary.
   In order to make the survey results of public control points consistent with the revised results of triangulation points and GCSs, GSI prepared the software with parameter files for correcting coordinates/elevation for the quake-hit area. These materials are available on GSI website.

1-5 Developing and updating Digital Japan Basic map which depicts whole land of Japan.
   ► Digital Japan Basic Map
   Digital Japan Basic Map is basic geospatial information of Japan which includes geographical information of land, orthophotos and geographical name information which will be used as a keyword to search the name of resident place and natural place-name. Various users’ needs can be reflected by delivering such information in digital form and advanced usage in requirements like land management, disaster prevention, etc. can also become feasible.
   ► Fundamental geospatial data
   Fundamental geospatial data are the common outline map data that anyone can use without any
restrictions via the Geographic Information System (GIS). GSI is providing the data by seamlessly integrating large-scale map data in cooperation with other related organizations. The fundamental geospatial data are the part of Digital Japan Basic Map which covers entire land in 2011. From 2012 GSI is working on updating the data on a full scale cooperatively with Digital Japan Basic Map.

- Collaborative and cooperative relationships for improving, updating and utilizing
  GSI is trying to establish the collaborative and cooperative relationships with related organizations within the community by organizing meetings among industry, government and academia in order to develop, update and utilize the fundamental geospatial data and Digital Japan Basic Map promptly.

1-6 Steadily promote the maintenance and application of geospatial information focusing on Digital Japan Basic Map, in accordance with “Fresh Map 2011”.

- Area-wide updates
  Area-wide updates are steadily implemented to ensure that Digital Japan Basic Map is up-to-date.

- Quick updates
  Quick updates are an initiative to provide notice of commencement of service at important facilities. The system helps to enhance facility maintenance and management through the application of Digital Japan Basic Map. Quick updates using construction drawings, etc., are developed with the collaboration with maintenance manager to reflect important changes to facility. This ensures facilities to possess accurate information.

- Promoting application of Digital Japan Basic Map
  Following initiatives are implemented at administrative bodies in order to promote application of Digital Japan Basic Map.

  [2] Proposal of solutions to specific issues by application of Digital Japan Basic Map, etc.

1-7 Monitoring crustal movements and analyzing disaster risks

- Continuous monitoring crustal movements through GNSS-based Control Stations
  GNSS-based Control Stations, the fundamental observation network for crustal deformation monitoring known as GEONET(GNSS earth observation network), are being used to observe crustal movements throughout Japan. As 72-hour UPS has been installed to GCSs since FY 2011, stable operation is guaranteed even in times of disaster.

- Mobile observation
  The remote GNSS monitoring system (REGMOS) has been set up to collect detailed data continuously in order to monitor crustal movements caused by volcanic activities etc. without any public electricity or phone line.

1-8 Preparing landform information for disaster mitigation

- Thematic maps for disaster mitigation
  GSI helps people to live safer lives and to take measures to prevent potential damage from disasters by providing precise geospatial information on necessary landform such as Land condition map, Volcanic land condition map, Urban area active fault map, and Digital Elevation Topographic Map for basic geospatial data.

- Hazard map portal site
  On a portal site, GSI and other departments of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism released hazard maps prepared by local governments and geographic information for disaster mitigation. The site offers a one-stop service that everyone can search and browse for necessary information.

1-9 Surveying the extent of disaster and providing the information
► Understanding state of disaster by “Kunikaze” survey aircraft
As an administrative organization designated by the government based on the Basic Act on Disaster Control Measures, GSI uses “Kunikaze” survey aircraft, which can be operated with year-round mobility, to respond rapidly to unpredictable natural disasters. When large-scale disasters occur, such as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and floods, observations are carried out by taking emergency aerial photographs. In addition, airborne SAR and aerial laser scanners are rapidly provided to the relevant organizations to collect victim information.

► Providing maps to the related organizations for disaster mitigation
When disasters such as earthquakes strike, all kinds of maps are provided immediately after for each purpose in order to support the gathering of damage information, emergency measures, and recovery and restoration.

The 2011 off the Pacific coast of Tohoku Earthquake

► Crustal movement observed by GNSS-based Control Stations and Interferometric SAR
Crustal movement can be observed from analysis of GNSS continuous measurement by means of GNSS-based Control Stations and Interferometric SAR. In the 2011 off the Pacific coast of Tohoku Earthquake, Interferometric SAR detected crustal deformation over the whole area of the Tohoku region.

Diagram showing amount of change accompanying main shock (M90) on March 11

Resolving crustal deformation by joint analysis of SAR interferometry and GNSS-based Control Stations

► State of disaster as observed from air
Aerial photographs and ortho-image are important materials for accurate and comprehensive understanding of what is happening where in times of wide area disasters such as great disasters, etc. When disasters occur, GSI takes aerial photographs from aircraft and provides these to the relevant organizations. A system is adopted to enable mobile operations for quicker provision of information on the state of disasters.

Before earthquake disaster (image taken in 2008) After earthquake disaster (image taken on March 19, 2011) Ortho-image

“Orthophotomap” compiling main items from Digital Japan Basic Map (map information) in ortho-image

► Maps displaying geospatial information (thematic maps)
Thematic maps are created based on aerial photographs to show the state of disasters, etc.

1:25,000 map showing overview of scope of flooding
► Information useful for restoration and reconstruction

Airborne Laser Surveys are used to measure elevation and create Digital Elevation Topographic Map for basic geospatial data.

In addition, base maps are maintained for disaster reconstruction projects. They are provided to State and local public organizations.

2 Creating an environment where a diversity of geospatial information is developed effectively and readily available and utilizable by anyone

2-1 Providing technical support in disseminating geospatial information through the Digital Japan Web System

► Digital Japan Web System

GSI develops and supplies basic survey results such as fundamental geospatial data, Digital Japan Basic Map, and aerial photographs through Digital Japan Web System.

Digital Japan Web System can also be used as a tool to encourage State or local public organizations to create and share information, and also individuals and companies to disseminate information by overlaying various geospatial information on maps.

2-2 Preparing a system to promote the utilization of geospatial information

► JapanProfile for Geographic Information Standards (JPGIS)

The Japan Profile for Geographic Information Standards (JPGIS) is a subset of geographic information standards which provides the minimum rules on production and use of geographic data. The cost and efficiency related to geographic information can be improved by making and using spatial data and systems based on JPGIS. Therefore, it facilitates the formation of information society and safe and secure society.

► Formulating guidelines for geospatial information

In order to promote the utilization of geospatial information, it is necessary to have a clear set of rules.

In relation to this, the government formulated “Guidelines for handling of personal information in geospatial information and promotion of secondary use” in 2010. GSI fulfilled an independent role in deciding on these guidelines.

As a way to facilitate the provision and dissemination of geospatial information from the viewpoint of national security, GSI actively participates and contributes to environmental improvement while promoting its use.

2-3 Avoiding redundancy and assuring accuracy of Public Surveys in accordance with the Survey Act

► Ensuring accuracy and quality of Public Surveys

As the only State organization bearing responsibility for survey administration relating to land surveys, GSI coordinates more than 80% of all the Public Surveys implemented in Japan.

Policy is promoted through survey techniques to encourage appropriate use of survey results when implementing Public Surveys while ensuring the accuracy of Public Surveys and the quality of survey results. In addition, policy is implemented to avoid redundancy of surveys while enabling effective and
efficient implementation by State and public organizations. These ensure beneficial use of survey results.

3 Promoting the use of geospatial information through a wide range of domestic and international collaborations

3-1 Taking the lead in developing measures for the Advancement of Utilization of Geospatial Information

► Basic Plan for the Advancement of Utilizing Geospatial Information

The government’s “Basic Plan for the Advancement of Utilizing Geospatial Information,” which was decided on by the Cabinet in 2008 as a basic plan for the advancement of utilizing geospatial information, has aimed to conduct development of fundamental geospatial data and space-based PNT bases, creation of rules for beneficial use, and various initiatives for cooperation between industry, academia, and government by the end of FY 2011. From FY 2012, a new plan will be started to solve various issues based on the results to date and social changes.

GSI came to play a leading role in the government’s decision on this new plan by compiling the future direction of the Advancement of Utilizing Geospatial Information based on the various views of each government agency and industry, academia and government. GSI will continue to lead the way with initiatives in promoting application in society so as to steadily advance the new plan and thereby realize a society that uses geospatial information.

► National alliances of industry, academia, and government

“The Committee on Industry-Academia-Government Alliance on Geospatial Information” was established with the purpose of promoting the effective utilization of geospatial information and for the sharing of issues related to geospatial information among Industry-Academia-Government. In the committee three working groups have been established for each theme. As a member of the secretariat of the Committee on Industry-Academia-Government Alliance, GSI is liaising and coordinating with the academic and industrial worlds to smoothly promote initiatives for cooperation among industry, academia, and government such as the G-space EXPO in June 2012.

3-2 Improving “Global Map” as the world’s fundamental geospatial information

► Global Map

The Global Map is digital geospatial information of whole land area of the globe with consistent specifications that has been developed in collaboration with national mapping organizations around the world in order to deal with global-scale issues such as global environmental problems, etc.

The project to develop the Global Map was proposed by the Ministry of Construction (the present MLIT) in 1992. GSI served as the organization’s secretariat since the establishment of ISCGM (International Steering Committee for Global Mapping) in 1996 to propel the project, and is playing a leading role in the promotion. Today, 166 nations and 16 regions are participating in the project.

3-3 Taking a leading role in developing geospatial information technologies in cooperation with other countries

► Technical cooperation for developing countries

GSI is providing technical support for National Surveying and Mapping Organizations (NMOs) through JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) with the aim of developing maps and improving survey skills in developing countries.

► Antarctic observations

As a member of the Promoting Headquarters of the Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition, GSI created Antarctic photo maps and topographic maps. By making the results publicly available, GSI contributed to facilitating smooth and safe activities for the observation team.
Ⅱ Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department of MLIT (HOD)

1 Geodetic Work

1-1 Satellite Positioning

JHOD, JAXA and GSI have been carrying out observations of an experimental geodetic satellite (EGS) named "AJISAI" since 1986. The information about EGS and other satellites observations are currently shared on the International Laser Ranging Services (ILRS) technical meeting.

In order to measure the precise position of the mainland and islands of Japan in the worldwide geodetic system, JHOD has been conducting Satellite Laser Ranging (SLR) observation of LAGEOS at the Shimosato Hydrographic Observatory since 1982, and has determined the positions of more than 70 off-lying islands using differential techniques of Navy Navigation Satellite System (NNSS) since 1974 and GPS since 1994. Currently the Shimosato Hydrographic Observatory has been carrying out SLR observations under the ILRS technical liaison committee.

In order to watch the middle size crustal deformation (about 50km), JHOD continuously monitors the baselines in the Minami Kanto area, known as the nest of earthquakes and volcanoes, by GPS in Izu Oshima, Manazuru, Yokosuka, Minami Izu, Kozu Shima, Miyake Shima and Hachijo Shima.

1-2 Gravity and Geomagnetic Survey

In order to research earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, JHOD has been conducting gravity and geomagnetic surveys at sea area using survey vessels.

1-3 Unmanned/manned Survey Launches

JHOD has two unmanned/manned survey launches, “JINBEI” and nicknamed “MANBO II”, to investigate submarine volcanoes. “JINBEI” was launched in 2002. “MANBO II” was constructed as a survey launch of survey vessel “SHOYO” in 1998.

1-4 The Earthquake Research Program

JHOD has been surveying for the earthquake research program. In order to obtain data and information necessary for the prediction of earthquakes, magnetic and gravity surveys have been conducted in specific areas, such as plate boundaries. Total intensity magnetic anomaly and free-air gravity anomaly maps are made for elucidation of sea-bottom structure.

JHOD also has been carrying out surveys and investigations for submarine topography and/or active sea-bottom structures for the earthquake research.

JHOD has been carrying out seafloor geodetic observations using the GPS/Acoustic combination technique since 2000. 24 seafloor reference points were deployed by 2012 mainly on the land-ward slope of the major trenches, such as the Japan Trench and the Nankai Trough. The primary purpose is to detect and monitor the seafloor crustal movement affected by the subduction of oceanic plates. The precision of the observation is centimeter order. The observation result of off Miyagi prefecture during 2006-2010 showed the intraplate crustal movement at the rate of 5.5 cm/year towards WNW. After the 2011 off the Pacific coast of Tohoku Earthquake (M9.0), displacement of about 24 meter towards ESE and 3 meter upward was observed at the seafloor reference point located almost just above the hypocenter. The other reference points above the source area also moved 5-23 meters towards ESE. The displacements detected in the sea region above the source area were very useful for understanding of this earthquake.

2 Hydrographic Work

2-1 Charts Compilation and Publication

JHOD publishes Electronic Navigational Charts (ENCs) for safe and efficient navigation. Small scale ENCs (smaller than 1/80,000) cover the entire sea areas around Japan. JHOD also publishes large scale
ENCs for major ports and sailing routes in the coastal sea areas. When JHOD gets the information on changes of coastlines or depths, it provides the “Electronic Notices to Mariners” through the Internet to update the contents of ENCs and promotes the collaboration with the East Asian countries to improve the contents of ENCs. JHOD compiles navigational safety information and hydrographic data including coastline, geographical features and navigational marks. Then accurate and user friendly charts are completed choosing appropriate scales and divisions. JHOD also publishes English nautical charts.

2-2  Marine Survey
   ● Survey of coastal Area
      In order to cope with the establishment of Japan’s exclusive economic zone (EEZ) in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), JHOD has been carrying out detailed surveys of low-water lines, topography and geological structure of the sea-bed in coastal area, particularly in those important areas around baseline defining the territorial sea and EEZ of Japan.
   ● Airborne Lidar Bathymetry
      JHOD has been carrying out airborne lidar Bathymetric survey since 2004 in very shallow waters.
   ● Survey of Continental Shelf Areas
      JHOD has been carrying out hydrographic surveys of Japan’s continental shelf areas using the large survey vessels “TAKUYO” and “SHOYO” equipped with modern survey instruments to obtain basic data required for utilization and development of the continental shelf.

3  International Activities

3-1  Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)
   JHOD has also been working as a member of IOC which is the subsidiary body of UNESCO and has been participating in the following international joint projects:
   ● International Oceanographic Data and information Exchange (IODE) National Coordinator
   ● International Bathymetric Chart of Western Pacific (IBCWP)
   ● North East Asian Regional GOOS (Global Ocean Observing System)/Coordinating Committee (NEAR-GOOS)
   ● IOC Sub-Commission for the Western Pacific Region (WESTPAC)
   ● Ocean Data & Information Network for the Western Pacific Region (ODIN-WESTPAC)

3-2  Contribution to International Capacity Building in Hydrography
   JHOD provides a 6-month training course “Hydrography for Charting, Disaster Prevention and Environment Protection (Internationally Accredited Category B for Hydrographic Survey)” every year for hydrographers in developing countries in Asia and Africa in cooperation with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The participants have been assuming important positions in hydrographic activities in their home countries.

III  Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT)

1  National Land Survey

   The National Land Survey was established by the National Land Survey Act in 1951, aiming to develop, conserve and utilize the national land effectively. The National Land Survey consists of three key surveys that are prescribed; the Land Classification Survey, the Water Use Survey and the Cadastral Survey.

1-1  Land classification Survey and Water Use Survey
   The Land Classification Survey examines the topographical and geological features, soil, and present
land use. The Water Use Survey aims at investigating the basic statistics of a river, such as annual rainfall, discharge, present water utilization for farming or drinking and groundwater.

These mentioned surveys are compiled into the following maps and books: Land classification maps and an Explanatory data book, Geological cross section map in urban area, Water use and facilities map and information on major river system, Groundwater map and ledger of well.

1-2 Cadastral Survey

The Cadastral Survey in Japan aims to clarify the location, boundaries, ownership, lot number, the lot area and status of land use of each parcel. Almost all the cadastral surveys are implemented by local municipalities. In order to facilitate local municipality’s cadastral surveys, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) provides local municipalities not only with standard operating instructions and guidelines, but also with 50% subsidy to the total operational cost, based on the ten-year period National Survey Plan.

In general, the Cadastral Survey includes the following key operations: drawing up operational planning, detailed surveys on-the-spot, measuring the area of each parcel, making cadastral maps and compiling cadastral information. The scale of 1:250 and 1:500 are usually used in urban areas.

The results of the cadastral surveys are sent to local registry offices of Ministry of Justice after MLIT approve them. Registry offices update necessary registration information based on the results.

The progress ratio of the cadastral surveys at the end of FY2011 is 50% (142,264 km²; six decades from FY1951 to FY 2011)

IV Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)

1 Large Scale Topographic Maps

The Forestry Agency began a nationwide project in mountainous areas for the purpose of elaborating Basic Forest Maps (BFMs) as the basis for forest planning in accordance with the Forest Act in 1939. The project covering mountainous areas was completed in 1980. Currently the Forestry Agency and the Prefectural Governments are carrying out revision work of the existing Basic Forest Maps.

Forest Planning Maps, with forest inventory information attached on BFMs, are updated almost every five years. The Forestry Agency is responsible for Forest GIS, in which digitized Forest Planning Maps are incorporated, of national forest and respective local governments are responsible for the ones of private forest. Both Forest GIS provide a tool for forest owners to make a better forest management plan.

2 Soil Maps

Soil maps in Japan are roughly divided into two categories; for cultivated lands and for forest lands. They are prepared by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

A 1:50,000 scale map series of soil types and productivity of cultivated lands has been prepared by the Agricultural Production Bureau since 1959, and the entire area of cultivated land, 51,000 km² in all, is covered.

A 1:20,000 or a 1:50,000 scale map series of soil types in national forests has been prepared by the Forestry Agency since 1947. Most of national forests have been covered by this series. A 1:50,000 scale map series of soil types for many private forests has been elaborated as well.

Geological Survey of Japan, National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (GSJ, AIST)

1 Geological Maps
GSJ has been publishing most of geological maps in Japan. Basic geological maps are prepared on the scale of 1:50,000 (1:75,000 before 1952) and 1:200,000. The coverage has become 74% at the scale of 1:50,000 (including covering areas of 1:75000) and 100% at the scale of 1:200,000 as of May of 2012.

GSJ has also been engaged in marine geological and geophysical surveys around Japan. The results of surveys have been published as “Marine Geological Map” series since 1975, which include geological maps and sedimentological maps. From 2002, these series have been published on CD-ROM.

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2 Geophysical Maps

GSJ has been conducting gravity and aeromagnetic surveys at the onshore and offshore areas of Japan. The results have been published as the “Gravity Map Series” and the “Aeromagnetic Map Series” since 1972. The offshore gravity data have been published as the appendices of “Marine Geology Map”.

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3 Other Maps

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