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Marine Geographical Names in the Republic of Korea

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New Marine Geographical Names in the Republic of Korea, 2010

Korean Committee on Marine Geographical Names (KCMGN) was established in 2002 with the aim of enhancing the standardization of domestic marine geographical names as well as promoting international cooperation. In 2009, Korean Committee on Marine Geographical Names is integrated with the Central Geographical Name Committee of Korea to the Korean Committee on Geographical Names (KCGN).

Following field research for a year, the KCGN came to 106 new marine geographical features of the southern west sea (southern Yellow Sea) of Korea in 2010. KCGN also has given names to submarine landforms such as Cheonghaejin seamount, Haemirae Knoll, Yeon Guyot and other 6 geographical names in Pacific Ocean and registered them at GEBCO Gazetteer of SCUFN.

The basic undersea feature information, including three dimensional data, has extensively been collected by several organizations including the Korea Hydrographic and Oceanographic Administration of the Ministry of Land Transport and Maritime affairs (MLTM) and Korea Ocean Research and Development Institute (KORDI), the Republic of Korea, since 1996.

Among the names given by KHOA, 106 new marine geographical names designated by the KCGN were officially registered in 2010 in *Kwanbo*, the Korean government official gazette, with details such as the name, location, characteristics of the geographical feature and a historical background to the name. Total 538 marine geographical names have been hereby officially registered since 2002 when the KCGN (KCMGN) established.

The marine geographical names will also be shown on our chart and topographic sheets at the scale of 1:25,000 and 1:50,000 in the near future.

In addition, in order to enhance international cooperation, if at all possible the KCGN plans to register all the undersea feature names to the GEBCO (General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans) and the SCUFN (Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names) which are organized by IHO and IOC.