



[The Nippon Foundation News] Marine Initiatives

Greetings from the Nippon Foundation. Two initiatives being supported by the Foundation have recently received considerable press coverage: The Nippon Foundation-GEBCO Seabed 2030 Project and the progress being made in mapping the global ocean floor, and the launch of a project targeting unmanned ship navigation by 2025. More information on both projects is available in the articles below.

The finishing touches are being made at The Nippon Foundation Disaster Emergency Support Center, with an official handover to the Tokyo Metropolitan Government being planned for later this month. Outside the Tokyo area, the island of Kyushu in southern Japan has been experiencing heavy rain and severe flooding since the beginning of this week. The Foundation will be sending specialist staff to see the situation first-hand and assess the needs on the ground. Information regarding our specific response will be posted to the Foundation's website as decisions are made. In the meantime, donations for our general disaster relief activities can be made at any time to the Special Fund for Disaster Preparedness.

[The Nippon Foundation official website \(English\)](#)

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Screen shots of the YouTube videos introducing The Nippon Foundation's activities for the Elimination of Leprosy (left) and Support for Disaster Recovery (right)

The Nippon Foundation has also recently produced short YouTube videos introducing our activities in two of our priority areas – Support for Disaster Recovery and the Elimination of Leprosy. The videos are in Japanese with English subtitles, and can be viewed via the following links:

[Support for Disaster Recovery](#)

[Elimination of Leprosy](#)

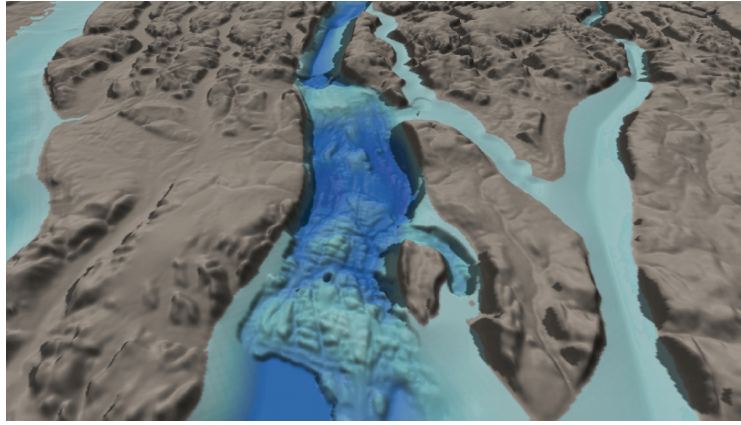
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Nearly One-Fifth of World's Ocean Floor Now Mapped

Coverage has risen to 19% from 15% over past year

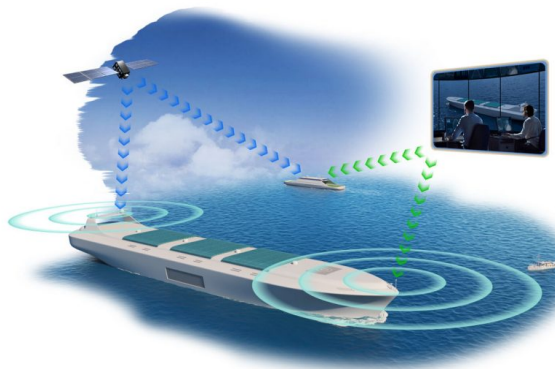


On the occasion of World Hydrography Day, The Nippon Foundation-GEBCO Seabed 2030 Project, which aims to map the entire global ocean floor by 2030, has announced the inclusion of 14.5 million square kilometers of new bathymetric data in the latest GEBCO Grid. Nearly one-fifth of the world's ocean floor has now been mapped, with the new data equating to an area twice the size of Australia.

[Full Article](#)

Verification Testing to Start on World's First Unmanned Ship Navigation System

Domestic consortia targeting autonomous navigation by 2025



The Nippon Foundation has assembled and made a decision to fund five consortia to conduct verification testing for unmanned ship navigation. Each consortium is to begin verification testing by the end of fiscal 2021, with a target of implementing autonomous shipping by 2025.

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Stories from Past Olympics and Paralympics - 3 Birth of the Paralympics



The Paralympic Games are the legacy of Dr. Ludwig Guttmann. In 1944, he was asked by the British government to establish a National Spinal Injuries Centre to treat returning WWII veterans with spinal cord injuries. By bringing out their latent abilities, he believed that sports were a highly effective form of rehabilitation for these veterans, and is said to have told his patients, "Don't worry about what you have lost. Just make the most of what you have left."

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