

**Special Issue:**  
**The 16<sup>th</sup> United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific**  
**(The 16<sup>th</sup> UNRCC-AP)**

*The United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (UNRCC-AP) was established based on a recommendation by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. This conference, starting in 1955, aimed at encouraging the further development of each country, and has greatly contributed to the preparation of geographic information in the world.*

*The 16<sup>th</sup> UNRCC-AP was held in Okinawa, Japan in August 2003. GSI and the National Organizing Committee prepared for the conference five country reports to the United Nations. This special issue introduces these country reports:*

• **Spatial Data Infrastructure Work in Japan 2000 – 2003**

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• **Technical Cooperation in Surveying, Mapping and Charting by Japan**

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Geological Survey of Japan/National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology,  
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, Japan International Cooperation Agency

• **The New Geodetic Reference System of Japan**

– Its adoption and application to our products –

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• **Recent Volcanic Disaster Countermeasures Taken by GSI**

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• **Promotion of Global Mapping Project**

– Activities of the ISCGM Secretariat and Japanese Government –

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