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FOUR NEW RAMSAR SITES FOR JAPAN

The Government of Japan has recently designated four wetland areas as **Wetlands of International Importance** (Ramsar Sites). These are the **Yoshigadaira Wetlands** located on an active volcano, two tidal mudflats, **Hizen Kashima-higata** and **Higashiyoka-higata**, and the **Hinuma Lake**. Japan has also increased the area of **Keramashoto Coral Reef** from 353 hectares to 8,290 hectares. With these new designations Japan now has **50 Ramsar Sites** within its territory. Yoshigadaira Wetlands are located in the centre of **Honshu Island** on the north-east

flank of Mount Kusatsu-Shirane, an active volcano that erupted eight times in the 30 years to 2015. Higashiyoka-higata and Hizen Kashima-higata are tidal mudflats on Ariake Bay. These Sites are internationally important in the life cycle of migratory waterbirds. Hinuma Lake provides habitats for many species, including nationally endangered species. The Keramashoto Coral Reef is internationally important as a representative of the coral reef ecosystem in the Ryukyu Islands biogeographic region. www.ramsar.org

CHC NAVIGATION RELEASES I80 GNSS RECEIVER FOR GENERAL SALE

CHC has made available their new flagship GNSS receiver the **i80**. With the ability to compute a true **Triple Frequency RTK** tilted pole solution using all four worldwide and multiple regional constellations, the i80 receiver is the most advanced receiver available in the market today. Without the need of a data collector or computer, the **i80's LCD GUI** allows for common workflow operations, such as **Static Logging, AutoBase, AutoRover, and UHF channel selection** to be easily performed. The CHC i80 is the smallest receiver on the market incorporating dual hot-swappable batteries, allowing for days of uninterrupted work. While small and lightweight, it is packed with a full

array of sensors and modules: multiple MEMS, Internal Tx/Rx UHF, multi-band cellular modem, Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, Serial, USB, etc. – having all these modules integrated into an ergonomic package, GNSS users will realize their most productive day yet. www.chcnv.com



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LEICA STRENGTHENS PRESENCE IN ASIA PACIFIC WITH NEW INDONESIAN COMPANY

Leica Geosystems

has announced the purchase of assets from **PT Almega**

Geosystems, the

representative of the company in Indonesia for the past 15 years. With the recent solid growth in the country, Leica Geosystems has now created **PT Leica Geosystems Indonesia** to strengthen its presence in the Asia Pacific region. From its location in northeast Jakarta, the new company will provide the Indonesian market with the measurement technology solutions they've come to trust. "Leica Geosystems solutions have long been revered in Indonesia for their robustness and utility in the prevailing hot, damp and humid conditions, often in very remote and inaccessible regions," said **Matthew Smith, Hexagon Geosystems APAC President**. "With an increasingly open investment environment and a growing list of infrastructure projects, the time is right to substantially increase our presence in this amazing country."

www.leica-geosystems.com



ROLTA APPOINTS ITELLIGENCE TURKEY AS DISTRIBUTION PARTNER

Rolta has announced that it has appointed **iTelligence Turkey – Elsys Bilgi Sistemleri A.S.** as its Authorized Distributor in Turkey

to extend its reach into this high growth market. **iTelligence Turkey** will promote Rolta solutions including BI and Big Data Analytics with a special focus on the flagship **Rolta OneView™ Enterprise Suite**. This Suite uniquely integrates IT and OT systems to provide comprehensive "out-of-the-box" BI and Analytics with over 3000+ pre-built KPIs across verticals specifically designed for Oil & Gas, Petrochemicals, Chemicals and Utilities verticals, amongst others. **Mr. K.K. Singh, Chairman & Managing Director of Rolta** said, "We are very pleased to appoint iTelligence Turkey as our authorized distributor to address the high growth Turkish market. This is yet another step in execution of our strategy to expand into the untapped emerging global markets through strategic partnerships." www.roлта.com