As part of the training program, the practical training of ocean survey will be carried out on board the Survey Vessel *TAKUYO* (2600 G/T) on the survey legs between Tokyo Port and Nagoya Port from 12 to 17 August, while the field training of port and harbour survey is scheduled to take place in Himeji

Port and its approaches, located about 50 km west of Kobe in the Seto Inland Sea, using 10 m and 15 m type survey vessels to be dispatched from the 5th Regional Maritime Safety Headquarters in Kobe, for about one month from 2 September.

GROUP TRAINING COURSE IN PHYSICAL OCEANOGRAPHIC SURVEY 1992-93

The JICA Group Training Course in Physical Oceanographic Survey for 1992 (FY) is scheduled to take place at the Hydrographic Department of Japan from 25 November 1992 to 19 March 1993.

The General Information containing the training program, application procedures, etc. on the course for

this year will be forwarded, through diplomatic channels, to certain 10 developing countries, including People's Republic of China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, and Republic of Korea.

Eight participants from these countries will be selected and accepted in the course.

IOC/WESTPAC TRAINING COURSE ON OCEANOGRAPHIC DATA MANAGEMENT IN 1992

The training course in oceanographic data management is scheduled to take place at the Japan Oceanographic Data Center (JODC), Hydrographic Department of Japan, for three weeks in September/October 1992, in support of WESTPAC and TEMA of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO.

The course will be designed for personnel currently engaged in oceanographic data and information management in Member States in the WESTPAC region. Its main purpose is to allow them to become acquainted with concepts of the International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange (IODE) system and its function, especially in the WESTPAC region, and acquisition, processing and compilation of oceanographic data, as well as general data formats used within the framework of IODE system.

The course programme will be constructed with lectures and demonstrations on:

- General Format (GF3)
- Marine Geophysical Data Exchange Format (MGD77)
- Geological and Geophysical Data Management
- Quality Control Procedure for Oceanographic Data
- Micro-computer Software for Water Temperature, Salinity, Tide and Tidal Current Analysis.

The letter of call for participation in the training course will be distributed to the WESTPAC Member States from IOC Secretariat, and three participants will be selected by IOC.