

TERRITORIAL SEA BASELINES RESEARCH OFFICE NEWLY ESTABLISHED IN J.H.D.

In the Coastal Surveys and Cartography Division of the Hydrographic Department of Japan, a new office named "Territorial Sea Baselines Research Office" was newly established and open as of 11 April 1992.

In order to cope with the recent movement with the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, the establishment of the new Office was officially approved by the government authorities concerned. The Office is responsible for conducting study and research on the baselines of the territorial waters,

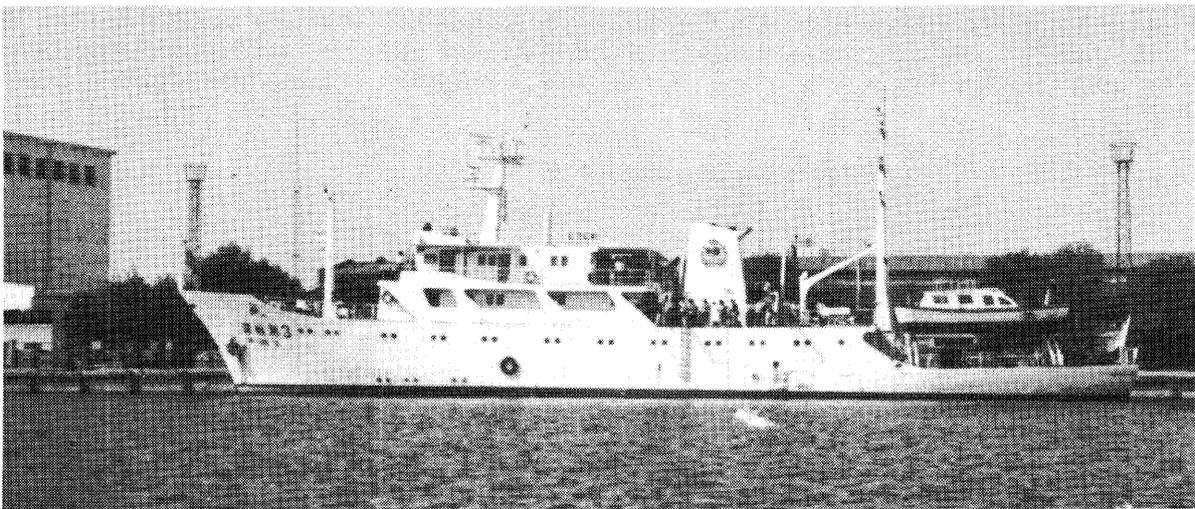
delimitation and delineation of the territorial waters and other pertaining limits, as well as preparation and management of data, charts and other necessary materials.

Mr. Kunio YASHIMA, the former Head of the Marine Research Laboratory of the Department, was appointed as Head of the Territorial Sea Baselines Research Office, which is composed of five staff members specialized in marine surveys and cartography.

NEW SURVEY VESSELS OF MARITIME SAFETY ADMINISTRATION P.R. OF CHINA

Two new hydrographic surveying vessels, "*Jin Hang Ce 3*" and "*Hang Ce 101*" built by the Ministry of Communications, People's Republic of China, were launched separately in June and October 1990. They were allocated to Tianjin and Shanghai Maritime

Safety Administration, respectively, to engage in the hydrographic survey of ports, channels and anchorages along the coast, the sweeping survey and the mother vessels for the work of divers as well.



Hydrographic Survey Vessel "*Jin Hang Ce 3*"

Both the vessels are steel structure, long forecastle, machinery amidships with double engines, twin propellers and rudders. Main engines are MAN 8L 10/27 × 2 which can be remote-operated in the bridge. The principal characteristics are as follows:

Overall length	55.5 m	Molded breadth	10.0 m
Waterline length	51.0 m	Molded depth	4.6 m
Length between posts	48.85 m	Draught	3.4 m
		Displacement	878.7 tons
		Main engines	1027 h.p. × 2
		Speed	14.5 knots
		Endurance	3000 n.m.
		Restrain oneself	30 days
		Crew	38