

NAV WARNING EXPERTS MET IN TOKYO

A seminar on navigational warning in NAVAREA XI was for the first time held at the Conference Hall of the Hydrographic Department of Japan in Tokyo on 7 and 8 December 1994.

The seminar was aimed at promoting mutual understanding among NAVAREA XI Coordinator (Japan) and the National Coordinators in NAVAREA XI covering the western Pacific and East Asian regions, by exchanging views and information on the present status of collecting, processing, supplying and broadcasting systems in each of the National Coordinators in the Area. The participants of the seminar were:

- Dr. T. N. Emerson, Hydrographer, Hydrographic Office, Marine Department, Hong Kong
- Mr. T. C. Sin, Senior Marine Officer, Hydrographic Office, Marine Department, Hong Kong
- Col. Sofyan Rawi, Head, Environment and Nautical Division, Hydro-Oceanographic Service, Indonesia
- Mr. Choi, Yong Joon, Senior Officer, Office of Hydrographic Affairs, Korea
- Mr. Roslee Bin Mat Yusof, Head, Safety of Navigation Division, Marine Department, Malaysia
- Capt. Rodrigo R. Pascua, Assistant Director, Coast and Geodetic Survey Department, NAMRIA, Philippines
- Capt. P. J. Thomas, Senior Assistant Director, Marine Department, Singapore
- Capt. Tuch W. Virojvong, Chief, Navigational Aids Division, Hydrographic Department, Thailand
- Mr. Roy Soluri, Chief, Charting Division, DMA Hydrographic/Topographic Center, USA Chairman, CPRNW and IMO/ISCP

as well as from the Japanese side;

- Mr. Masaru Shiozaki, NAVAREA XI Coordinator, Chief Hydrographer, JHD
- Mr. Yukio Ishizaka, Deputy Director General, JHD
- Capt. Hiroshi Hotta, Director, Notices to Mariners Division, and the other staff of JHD concerned
- Mr. Ryoichi Sonoda, Director, International Affairs Division, Administrative Department of Maritime Safety Agency (JMSA)



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- Mr. Taketoshi Iwanishi, Director, Communications Division, Equipment & Technology Department, JMSA
- Mr. Makoto Harunari, Director, Navigation Safety Division and other staff of Guard & Rescue Department, JMSA

The NAVAREA XI Coordinator, Chief Hydrographer of JHD, Mr. M. Shiozaki, welcomed especially all the overseas participants from eight countries, pointing out that the seminar was the first time those senior officials currently engaged in navigational warning services in respective countries in NAVAREA XI met all together in Tokyo, an event that he considered to be very important. This was followed by a keynote speech introducing the activities, procedures and importance of Worldwide Navigational Warning Service (WWNWS) made by Mr. Roy Soluri, US Defense Mapping Agency, Chairman of IHO Commission on Promulgation of Radio Navigational Warnings, who represented the IHB as well as NAVAREAs IV and XII.

Report on the present status and activities in collecting, managing, analyzing and broadcasting systems of navigational warning services was made by each representative of eight countries and Japan. These country reports made it clear the most appropriate contact points on navigational warning services in these countries, and revealed the importance of promoting further cooperative relationship among all of them in order to ensure the safety of navigation in the area, where the maritime traffic is mostly congested in the world as is in the Straights of Malacca and Singapore and many navigational dangers such as submarine volcanos, shoals and other perilous passages are situated.

The seminar was closed by Mr. Yukio Ishizaka, Deputy Director General of JHD, expressing his gratitude to all the participants for their active participation in the seminar to make it a great success.