

NAMRIA/JICA SEMINAR ON NTM SERVICE HELD IN MANILA

The Coast and Geodetic Survey Department (CGSD), NAMRIA, and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) conducted a Seminar on Notices to Mariners Service at the CGSD office in Manila on 15 - 21 November 1994.

The seminar presented the status of Notices to Mariners, navigational warning, and hydrographic publication services in the Philippines, Japan, and the rest of the international maritime community. It also served as a venue for sharing information and discussion of various issues such as problems in gathering Maritime Safety Information (MSI) from the local maritime community, means of improving the maritime and navigational services, and the identification of areas for cooperation between government agencies and private marine organizations, among others.



Mr. K. Fukuoka, JHD, lectures on nautical publications

For supporting the seminar, the following four officers of Notices to Mariners Division, JHD, were dispatched to CGSD as JICA short-term experts to give information and deliver lectures on Notices to Mariners, navigational warning, and hydrographic publication services in Japan:

- Mr. Yoichi Nakao, Senior NtM Officer
- Mr. Takahiro Miyamoto, Senior NtM Officer
- Mr. Akira Yanagihara, Senior NtM Officer, and
- Mr. Koji Fukuoka, NtM Officer

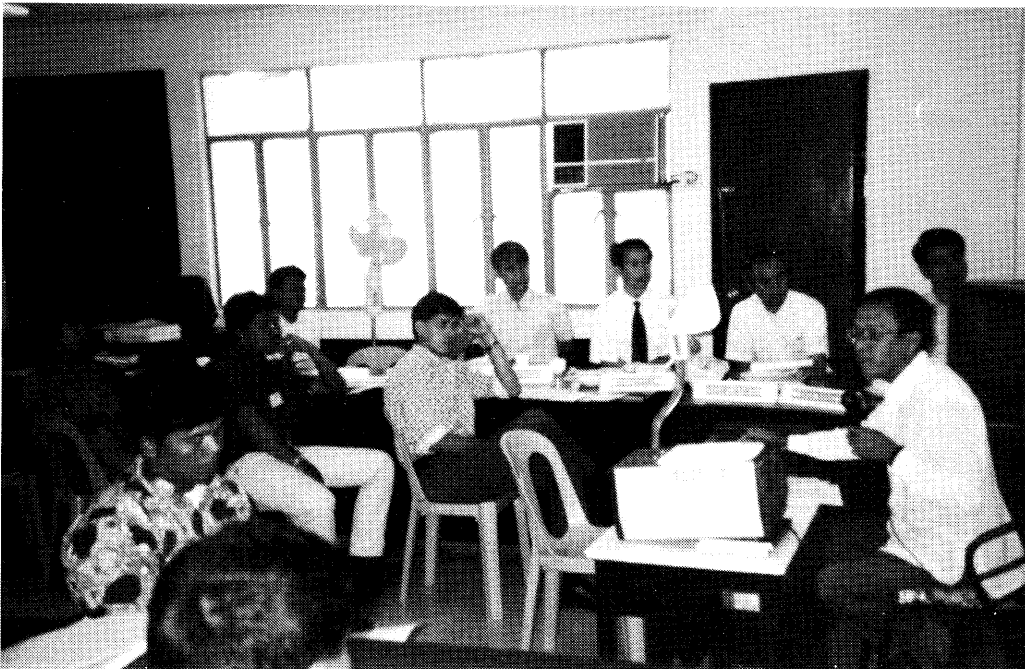
Capt. Rodrigo Pascua, Assistant Director, CGSD/NAMRIA, and Cdr. Edsel Lunawang, the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) also discussed the Notices to Mariners services in the Philippines.

Commodore Renato B. Feir, Director of CGSD/NAMRIA, expressed great appreciation for the efforts of the JICA experts dispatched from JHD in conducting the seminar and in sharing their expertise on maritime safety to the maritime local community.

Participants were technical staff from CGSD/NAMRIA, Maritime Industry Authority, PCG, Philippine Ports Authority, Department of Transportation and Communications and Philippine National Police/Maritime Command.

Certificates of attendance were awarded to the successful participants by Commodore Feir and Mr. Satoshi Machida, Deputy Resident Representative of JICA Philippine Office. The seminar concluded with a cocktail party.

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Capt. Pascua, CGSD/NAMRIA, giving a lecture at the seminar