

## **DIRECTOR OF PHILIPPINE CGSD/NAMRIA VISITS J.H.D.**

Commodore Renato B. Feir, Director, Coast and Geodetic Survey Department (CGSD), NAMRIA, Philippines with his assistant Lt. Herbert Catapang called on Mr. Masaru Shiozaki, Chief Hydrographer of the Hydrographic Department of Japan (JHD) on 3 August 1995.

Lively discussion was made between two Hydrographers and the JHD staff concerned, including Dr. Y. Kubo, Director of Coastal Surveys and Cartography Division, Dr. M. Sasaki, Head of International Cooperation Office for Hydrography, Mr. S. Mimura, Senior Planning Officer, Planning Division, on various matters of mutual interest, especially on the technical cooperation programs.

Focused on were the South China Sea project, bathymetric charting projects in Philippine coastal areas, production of digital chart data and ENC's, new survey vessel's equipment, as well as JICA expert dispatch program.

After discussions and exchange of views, Commodore Feir has enjoyed renewing his old acquaintance with Mr. Mitsugu Okada, Japan Hydrographic Association, Mr. Kenzo Imai, Cartography Office, JHD, Mr. Shoichi Kokuta, Coastal Surveys and Cartography Division, JHD, Mr. Keiji Shimizu, Cartography Officer, who have ever been assigned in CGSD as JICA experts.

From right  
Mr. Shiozaki  
Commodore Feir  
Lt. Catapang



## **COOPERATIVE HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY FOR NAUTICAL CHARTING PROJECT STARTS IN FIJI**

Cooperative Hydrographic Survey for Nautical Charting Project started in Fiji in July 1995.

The hydrographic survey is to be conducted for three years, and three nautical charts will be produced at the scale of 1/150,000 to cover the northern part of Lau Islands by the end of fiscal year 1998. The survey area extends over about 40,400 square kilometers bounded by 15°-55' to 19°-05' south latitude and by 179°-40' east to 178°-12' west longitude.

The field survey is now being carrying out as a joint-operation of Fiji and Japan by using Hydrographic Survey Vessel TOVUTO (920 G/T) of Maritime Department of Fiji.

The project is also aimed at the transfer of broad technologies covering from hydrographic surveying to production of nautical charts through the joint operation in the field and the technical training for the counterpart to be conducted at JHD and the related survey companies.

The results of this project are expected to promote the safety of maritime traffic in the area and also to be utilized for maritime development and protection of marine environment.