

previous meetings of the Group were held in Tokyo in 1979, in Jakarta in 1981 and in Townsville, Australia, in 1983. At the 3rd Meeting held in Townsville, Dr. J. S. BUNT (Australia) and Dr. Piamsak MENASVETA (Thailand) were elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Group, relieving Dr. A. SOEGIARTO (Indonesia) and Dr. HIRANO (Japan), respectively.

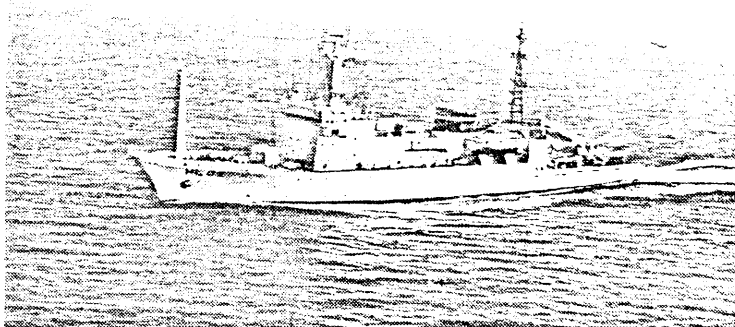
WESTPAC Cruises

The number of WESTPAC cruises declared by member states since the commencement of the programme in 1979 is as follows:

- 1979 : France 4 cruises; Japan 2 cruises.
- 1980 : France 2 cruises; Japan 3 cruises; USSR 2 cruises.
- 1981 : France 12 cruises; Japan 4 cruises; USSR 1 cruise.
- 1982 : Australia 3 cruises; France 7 cruises; Japan 3 cruises;
New Zealand 3 cruises; USSR 2 cruises.
- 1983 : France 2 cruises; Japan 24 cruises; USSR 2 cruises.
- 1984 : Japan 6 cruises (in plan).

Oceanographic Observation for IOC WESTPAC Programme

As part of the WESTPAC Programme of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), the Survey Vessel Takuyo of the Hydrographic Department of Japan was dispatched to the western Pacific area



for carrying out oceanographic observations to monitor long-term variations in oceanographical structure in the western Pacific.