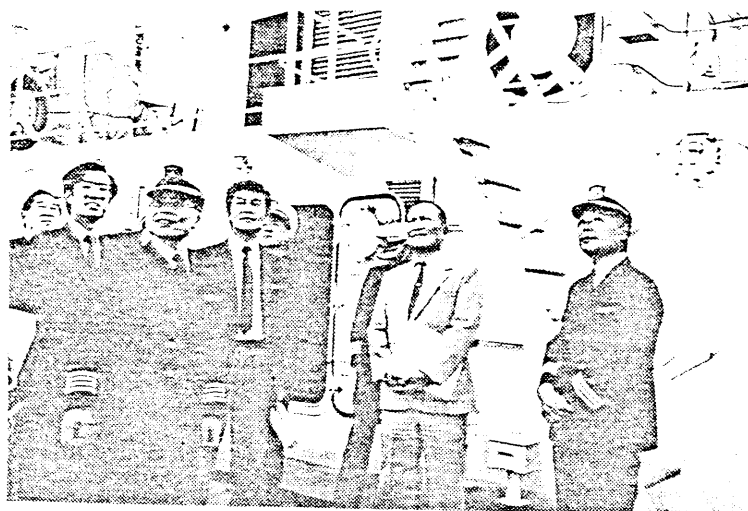
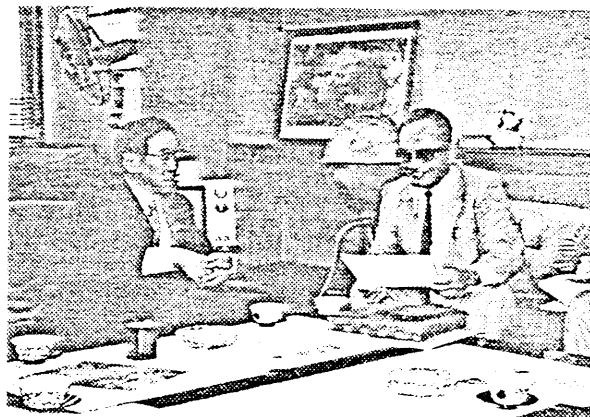


V I S I T

Colonel Levinus P. KATOPPO, Chief Hydrographer, Jawatan Hidro-Oseanografi, Indonesia, paid a short visit to the Hydrographic Department of Japan, on 2nd May 1984. Dr. Akira YAMAZAKI, Chief Hydrographer of Japan, and his staff members were pleased to meet Colonel Katoppo.



After having a short talk at the Chief Hydrographer's Room, Dr. Yamazaki took Colonel Katoppo to the Survey Vessel Takuyo and he made a tour through the Takuyo under the conduct of Commanding Officer Kosei YOSHIDA.

WESTPAC PROGRAMME

WESTPAC Programme Group Meeting

The 4th Meeting of the WESTPAC Programme Group is scheduled to be held in Thailand in 1985.

The WESTPAC Programme Group currently consists of 19 members and is responsible for making decisions concerning the WESTPAC Programme policies. The Group meets approximately once every two years. The

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.

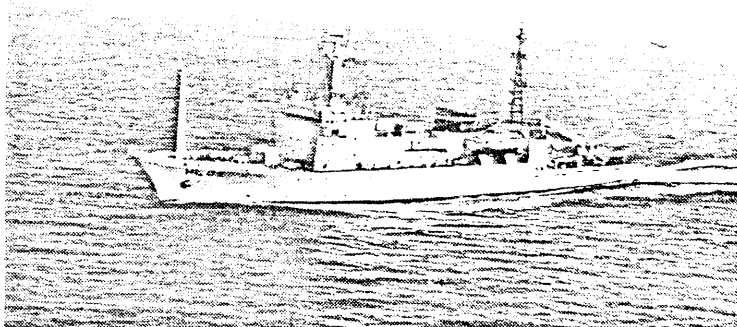
WESTPAC Cruises

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.