

## **NEW CHIEF HYDROGRAPHER OF JAPAN**

Dr. Shoichi OSHIMA took over the post of Chief Hydrographer, Hydrographic Department of Japan (JHD), on 1 April 1996.

Dr. Oshima was born in 1941, and graduated from the Faculty of Science, Tohoku University and then joined the Hydrographic Department, Maritime Safety Agency in 1964. While in service in Surveying Division, he had been engaging in geomagnetic survey, coastal hydrographic survey and offshore sea-bottom survey.

During his past 32 years' service he has held several leading positions such as Head of Continental Shelf Surveys Office, Directors of the Coastal Surveys & Cartography Division and the Planning Division in the Hydrographic Department, Tokyo Headquarters and the Deputy Commander of the 9th Regional Maritime Safety Headquarters in Niigata.

On the occasion of his appointment as the Chief Hydrographer of Japan, Dr. Oshima expresses: *"I am well aware of the excellent and cooperative relationship that has long been existing among the hydrographic offices in our East Asia Hydrographic Commission, and I would like to avail myself of this opportunity to thank each and every colleague of the EAHC members for the spirit of cooperation rendered to the EAHC Permanent Secretariat in JHD. It is my intention to maintain and, if possible, to further develop such an excellent relationship, and I assure my colleagues that I will try my best to this challenging and demanding assignment with full expectation that the cooperative activities in the field of hydrography, oceanography and nautical cartography will be further promoted towards our common objectives especially in the framework of EAHC."*



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## **RESHUFFLE OF STAFF MEMBERS OF JHD**

On 1 April 1996 certain staff members of the Hydrographic Department of Japan were reshuffled.

The newly appointed Director and Heads of the JHD Tokyo Headquarters are:

Dr. Hideo NISHIDA,  
Director, Coastal Surveys and Cartography Division;

Dr. Masakazu TSUCHIDE,  
Head, Ocean Research Laboratory,  
Planning Division; and

Mr. Ryoichi HORII,  
Head, Chart Maintenance Office,  
Oceanographic Data and Information Division.