

TRAINING NEWS

THE OBSERVATION/STUDY TOUR TO NAGOYA-KO TRAFFIC ADVISORY SERVICE CENTER

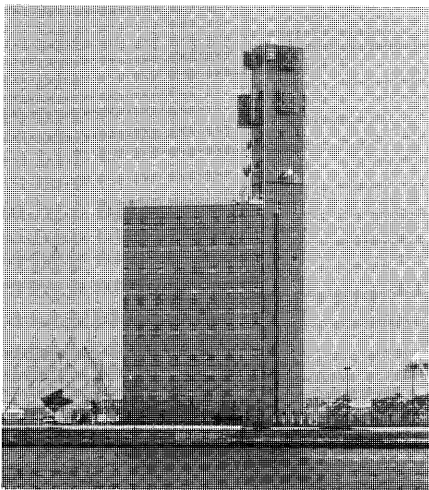
The Observation/Study Tour to Nagoya-Ko (port) Traffic Advisory Service Center for the participants of the Group Training Course in Hydrographic Survey for 1996 was conducted from 26 to 28 June.

Nagoya-Ko Traffic Advisory Service Center provides maritime traffic information and controls traffic for safe navigation of vessels in the Port of Nagoya. It is one of the six traffic advisory centers of the Maritime Safety Agency of Japan. The Center belonging to the 4th Regional Maritime Safety

Headquarters (RMSH) started its operation in June 1994.

The participants made a courtesy call on Commander of the 4th RMSH, and were explained about the operation and the facilities of the Center by the operation officer. They observed with interest the displayed navigational information on the display board of the operating console in the operating room. As hydrographic surveyors, they asked operation officers many questions about the advisory services and the traffic control positively.

Nagoya-Ko Traffic Advisory Service Center



Participants observing the operation room of the Traffic Advisory Service Center

FIJI PROJECT COUNTERPART TRAINING BEING CONDUCTED

As part of the JICA 4-year project on hydrographic surveying and nautical charting in Fiji, which was launched in July 1995, the Hydrographic Department of Japan is now conducting an on-the-job training in nautical cartography for Mr. Filimoni W. Tirikula, Senior Technical Assistant, Fiji Hydrographic Office, for the period of about 6 months from 19 June 1996.

Mr. Tirikula has been warmly accepted in Cartography Office of JHD, and under the guidance of JHD Cartography Officers he is now engaged in compilation of a 1:150,000 nautical chart covering the northern part of Lau Islands, Fiji, by using the result of hydrographic surveys carried out jointly by the Japanese survey team and Fiji counterpart from July to October 1995.



From left: Dr. Oshima, Mr. Tirikula

The second phase of the project started with the hydrographic survey in Lau Islands in May this year, and the

preparation of another 1:150,000 chart is scheduled to be undertaken next year.