

JHD, UKHO tops meet in Tokyo

Rear Admiral John Clarke, Hydrographer of the Navy, United Kingdom Hydrographic Office, and his three staff members visited the Hydrographic Department of Japan on 2 June 1997.

Dr. Shoichi Oshima, Chief Hydrographer of Japan, extended his hearty welcome to Radm Clarke and his accompanying staff; Mr. Ian J. Harkness, Director of Marketing, Mr. Mark Hambrey, Head of Bilateral Arrangements, and Lt. Commander P. A. Nicholson, Royal Navy Reserve. Two decision makers of JHD and UKHO had a *tête-à-tête* talk at the Chief Hydrographer's Room, about various matters of mutual interest particularly on the nautical charting environment the world over. In the meantime, their staff members of both HOs had friendly talks in the Conference Hall on 7th floor, exchanging views and information on bilateral arrangements in accordance with the new technical resolution adopted by the XVth International Hydrographic Conference held in Monaco in April 1997, and then, the two tops joined the



Bilateral talks between JHD and UKHO

meeting. It was agreed between JHD and UKHO to keep in close contact with each other and to exchange views and information continuously also for the future. Radm Clarke also invited Dr. Oshima to Taunton.

Mr. Kerr calls on Dr. Oshima



Mr. A. J. Kerr with JHD staff at ENC Production Unit

Mr. Adam J. Kerr, Director of International Hydrographic Bureau (IHB) made a short visit to the Hydrographic Department of Japan on 13 June 1997.

Mr. Kerr called on Dr. S. Oshima, Chief Hydrographer of Japan to have a personal talk on the copyright issue of nautical charts and publications as well as the progress of ENC production and Regional ENC Coordinating Centers (RENC).

Mr. Kerr had also been given a chance to see ENC production facilities of JHD and discussed with Dr. H. Nishida, Director of Coastal Surveys & Cartography Division, and Mr. S. Kikuchi, Head of Cartography Office of JHD on technical aspects of ENC production.

Commodore Feir drops in at JHD

Commodore Renato B. Feir, Director of Coast and Geodetic Survey Department (CGSD), National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA), Philippines, visited personally the Hydrographic Department of Japan on 9 July 1997.

In order to exchange views on a proposed technical cooperation project in the field of Electronic Navigational Chart

(ENC) production technology, Commodore Feir and Dr. M. Sasaki, Head of International Cooperation Office of JHD had an informal, friendly talk to set a proposed ENC production 5-year project for NAMRIA on its way.

Commodore Feir also called on Dr. S. Oshima at his JHD office room to have chats frankly on various matters of mutual interest, including projects in the South China Sea.