

FOUR HYDROGRAPHERS TO MEET IN TOKYO TO FINALIZE THE RESULTS OF RE-SURVEY PROJECT IN THE STRAITS

The Hydrographers of Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, and Singapore will meet in Tokyo on 17 - 18 March 1998 to finalize and authorize the results of the "Four Nation Joint Re-survey of Critical Areas and Investigation of Dangerous/Unconfirmed Shoals and Wrecks in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore", for which the field work and its data processing were completed early in March 1998.

Under the Re-survey Project a total of 16 smooth sheets (fair charts) of the survey was prepared, and all of their authentic copies are to be shared equally among the four countries concerned. During the field work, certain shoals and wrecks reported and charted were identified, and new shoals and obstacles were also found. These findings have been promulgated by Notices to Mariners appropriately, and results of the Re-survey Project will also be reflected on and used for updating the existing nautical charts concerned published by In-

donesia, Japan, Malaysia, and Singapore, respectively. The meeting is to be held at the Hydrographic Department of Japan on 17 and 18 March 1998 to sign on and authorize the smooth sheets (fair charts) prepared under the joint project.

The meeting will be represented by First Admiral P. Ello, Chief Hydrographer of Indonesia and Captain Nisfan, Director of Navigation, Directorate General of Sea Communications, Indonesia; Dr. Shoichi Oshima, Chief Hydrographer of Japan; First Admiral Mohd Rasip Hassan, Director General of Hydrographic Directorate and Captain Raja Malik Saripulazan, Director of Marine, Marine Department, Malaysia; and Captain Wilson Chua, Hydrographer of Singapore. It is expected that the nautical charting authorities of the four countries will also reach an agreement on publishing the ENC covering the Straits as early as possible in order to promote the safety of navigation.

