

NEW CHIEF HYDROGRAPHER OF JAPAN



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Dr. Yoshio KUBO took over the post of Chief Hydrographer, Hydrographic Department of Japan (JHD), on 1 April 1999.

Dr. Kubo was born in 1942, and graduated from the Faculty of Science, Kyoto University and then joined the Hydrographic Department, Maritime Safety Agency in 1965. While in service in Astronomical Division, he was involved in astronomical observation and calculation of the astronomical ephemeris.

During his past 34 years' service he has held several leading positions such as Head of International Cooperation Office and Satellite Geodesy Office as well as Director of the Geodesy and Geophysics Division, Oceanographic Data and Information Division, Coastal Surveys and Cartography Division of the JHD Tokyo Headquarters. After completing three years service as Deputy Commander of the 9th Regional Maritime Safety Headquarters located in Niigata which faces the Japan Sea, he returned to the Tokyo Headquarters to serve as its highest-ranking official.

Dr. Kubo was outstandingly successful in the arena of geodesy and geophysics for hydrography, particularly in revising and improving the Japanese Ephemeris in the 1980s. He also actively participated in various international conferences and meetings, including those of the International Astronomical Union, the Meeting of IHO Worldwide Electronic Navigational Chart Data Base Committee (WEND), the Meeting of Sea-Bottom Surveys Panel of the US-Japan Cooperative Program in Natural Resources and the Japan-Korea Hydrographic Technical Meeting, etc.

RESHUFFLE OF STAFF MEMBER OF JHD

On 1 April 1999 certain staff members of the Hydrographic Department of Japan were reshuffled.

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

Mr. Masashi Sue

Director, Ocean Surveys Division

Mr. Makoto Toda

Director, Geodesy and Geophysics Division

Mr. Harushi Suzuki

Director, Notices to Mariners Division

Mr. Shigeki Kuramoto

Head, Marine Pollution Research Laboratory
Ocean Surveys Division

Mr. Shin Tani

Head, Chart Maintenance Office

Oceanographic Data and Information Division