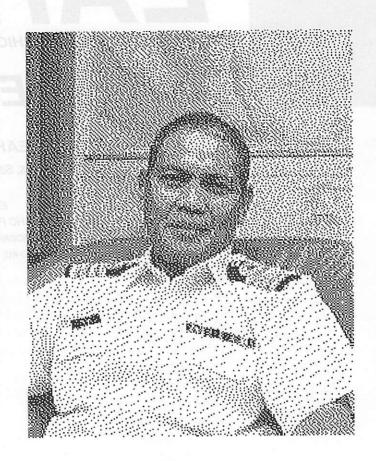
NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL (HYDROGRAPHER) OF MALAYSIA



Captain Yacob bin Ismail
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Captain Yacob bin Ismail was appointed as the Director General (Hydrographer) of the Royal Malaysian Navy Hydrographic Department (RMNHD) as successor to First Admiral Mohd Rasip bin Hassan on 13 November 2000. Born in Johor, the southern state of the Peninsular Malaysia in 1949. He started his career with the Royal Malaysia Navy after graduated from the Britannia Royal Naval Collage at Dartmouth, United Kingdom in 1971.

Captain Yacob joined the hydrographic service of the RMNHD in 1976. He had attended several specialist courses, which include the Basic and Long Hydrography survey course in Australia and United Kingdom respectively. He had also attended the Oceanographic Survey Course in Japan and Cartographic Course in India.

With thirty years in the Navy, Captain Yacob has served various post ashore and onboard ships. He commanded both Malaysian hydrographic vessel, the old KD PERANTAU and KD MUTIARA. He served as the Director of Hydrography before being appointed to the present post. Captain Yacob was also one the pioneer in setting up the Cartographic Division of the RMNHD.