

## ***NEWLY APPOINTED CHIEF HYDROGRAPHER OF JAPAN***



Dr. Hideo NISHIDA  
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Dr. Hideo HISHIDA was appointed as the Chief Hydrographer of Japan on 1st April 2002 after serving as Deputy Commander of the Ninth Regional Coast Guard Headquarters situated in Niigata.

He was born in 1945. He graduated from the University of Tokyo in 1969. In 1972, he took a master's degree in physics at the University of Tokyo. After graduating from same university, he entered the Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department (JHOD, present name) of the Japan Coast Guard. He went to the United States for a year to do research in oceanography at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography of the University of California, San Diego. In 1985, he took a Ph.D. in oceanography from the University of Tokyo.

In 1988-1991, he was a professor in Hydrography at the Japan Coast Guard Academy. In 1994, he was appointed Head of Ocean Research Laboratory of JHOD. In 1996-1998, as he served as Director of the Coastal Surveys and Cartography Division, he contributed to establishing a computerized smooth sheet production system using GIS software to be compatible with ENC data-base structure as well as developing an automatic recording and processing system for sounding data. In 1998-2000, as he served as Director of the Planning Division, he undertook a Chairman of Administrative Steering Committee for the Four Nations Joint Re-survey Project in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore which was carried out from 1996 to 1998, and managed to produce ENC of the straits. In 2000, he was assigned to Deputy Commander of the Ninth Regional Coast Guard Headquarters.

During his thirty years of service in the JHOD, he engaged mainly in physical oceanography and had also considerable experience in observation and research activities onboard survey vessels of JCG.