

1985. At the Hydrographic Department of Japan he made a lecture on NAVTEX service and its technical aspects to the audience composed of those invited not only from the Hydrographic Department, Aids to Navigation Department and Radio Communication Department of Japan Maritime Safety Agency, but also from various national organizations concerned.

#### **DIRECTOR OF PHILIPPINE BCGS VISITED HD JAPAN**

As part of the invitation plan of the Japan Transport Consultants Association (JTCA), Commodore Antonio P. Ventura, Director, Bureau of Coast and Geodetic Survey, Philippines visited Japan in November 1985. He called at the Hydrographic Department of Japan, Japan Hydrographic Association, etc. and had a friendly talk with those concerned. During his stay in Japan he also visited the 6th Regional Maritime Safety Headquarters, M.S.A. located in Hiroshima to observe various facilities and services at the Headquarters.

#### **WESTPAC CRUISE BY SURVEY VESSEL TAKUYO**

The Hydrographic Department of Japan dispatched its Survey Vessel TAKUYO to western Pacific areas for carrying out oceanographic observations to monitor long-term variations in oceanographical structure. This is the third cruise for the WESTPAC Programme of IOC by the Survey Vessel Takuyo. The Takuyo left Tokyo Port on 6 February, calling at Apra Harbour, Guam, and is scheduled to come back to Tokyo on 17 March 1986.

As the participants of the on-board training sponsored by the IOC, Mr. Arnulfo C. Espinoza, Philippine Bureau of Coast and Geodetic Survey, and Mr. Idjin Suryana, Indonesian Institute of Oceanology, embarked on the Takuyo at Tokyo Port. Mr. Espinoza and Mr. Suryana were in the same class of the Group Training Course in Physical Oceanographic Survey conducted at the Hydrographic Department of Japan in 1983.