

NEW HYDROGRAPHER OF JAPAN



Since 1 April 2005
Mr. Masashi SUE

Mr. Masashi SUE was appointed as the Chief Hydrographer of Japan on 1st April 2005 after serving as Deputy Commander of the 10th Regional Coast Guard Headquarters, Japan Coast Guard. He was born in 1947. He graduated from the Kobe University Graduate School in 1973. After graduating from the University, he entered the Hydrographic Department of Maritime Safety Agency (Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department (JHOD) of Japan Coast Guard, present name) in 1973.

During more than thirty years of service in the Department, he was mainly engaged in marine pollution research and its monitoring.

Also, he had assumed the following important posts.

- 1995 - 1996: Director of Hydrographic Department, 5th Regional Coast Guard Headquarters;
- 1996 - 1999: Head of Marine Pollution Research Laboratory, Hydrographic Department;
- 1999 - 2000: Director of Oceanographic Survey Division, Hydrographic Department;
- 2000 - 2002: Director of Coastal Survey and Cartography Division, Hydrographic Department;
- 2002 - 2004: Director of Shiogama Coast Guard Office, 2nd Regional Coast Guard Headquarters.

Especially, during the service in the Marine Pollution Research Laboratory, he contributed to the increase in efficiency of the marine pollution research by establishing sample extraction method from sea water and bottom sediment on survey vessel and by introducing the pollution analyzing method from sea water and bottom sediment.

Moreover, in 1999 - 2002, he contributed to the development of the airborne laser hydrography and the real-time observation of the Kuroshio Current with installing a long range HF radar system.