

## Japanese Candidate for a Director of the IHB



Dr. Nishida, Former Chief Hydrographer of Japan, has stood as a candidate for a Director of the IHB. The election will be held next International Hydrographic Conference in Monaco. He is the only candidate from Asia as of now. He has made three commitments as follows:

- ENC's are currently facing serious problems such as insufficient coverage, spread of unauthorized quasi-ENC's, and premature specifications. These problems are giving ENC's the reputation of being non user-friendly, and subsequently detrimental to navigational safety. I will improve the convenience of ENC's worldwide with my technical and coordination skills.

- In order to raise the IHO's profile worldwide, the IHO must meet the needs of its member states, other international organizations such as the IMO, and general users. I will continue in my efforts to overhaul the IHO through my outstanding aptitude for organizational management, and will raise the IHO's profile worldwide.

- I have been involved in Japan's international cooperation projects, that have produced more than 300 hydrographers from 30 countries and have also established hydrographic units in countries that until recently did not have any such units. I will improve hydrographic capabilities worldwide with the full support of the Japanese government.

*Reported by Japan*