

New Hydrographer of Republic of the Philippines

Captain Ho designated as Acting Director, Hydrography Department



Administrator Ventura hands the HD colors to incoming HD Director Captain Ho.

NAMRIA Administrator, USec. Diony A. Ventura has formally designated Captain Romeo I. Ho as the Acting Director of the Hydrography Department (HD), effective 26 February 2009. The brief ceremony, which was witnessed by HD officers and personnel, was held in the HD Board Room, NAMRIA Branch Office, Binondo Manila.

Captain Ho replaced Commodore Rodolfo M. Agaton who served as the department director for six years and has compulsorily retired from the service. Prior to his new appointment, Captain Ho was the HD Chief of Staff and, at the same time, the Chief of the HD Hydrographic Surveys Division. He started his career in August 1979 in the commissioned service in the former Bureau of Coast and Geodetic Survey under the Ministry of National Defense. When NAMRIA's newly acquired survey vessels arrived in Manila in 1998, Captain Ho was designated as the first commanding officer of the survey vessel BRP HYDROGRAPHER PRESBITERO.

During the ceremony, Administrator Ventura turned over the HD colors to Captain Ho with words of entrustment and faith for him to carry out well his new duties and responsibilities. The Administrator advised Captain Ho to look after the welfare of the department's officers and personnel, particularly the officers and personnel aboard the agency's two survey vessels. He also commended the department's personnel for the excellent performance of their duties in pursuing the agency's ongoing projects in hydrography, oceanography, and nautical charting.

Captain Ho wholeheartedly acknowledged and accepted his new responsibilities as the acting director of the HD. He included in his acceptance message a quote from a Thai leader, saying that "One must work hard to achieve his task without thinking of any reward or merit." He encouraged everyone to work hand-in-hand with his guidance and leadership in accomplishing the department's mission.

The ceremony was also attended by Officer-in-Charge (OIC)/Deputy Administrators (DAs) Efrén P. Carandang and Linda SD. Papa, Chief of Staff Lorelei Peralta, Mapping and Geodesy Department (MGD) Director Jose Galo P. Isada, HD Assistant Directors Audie A. Ventirez and Enrique A. Macaspac, and Mr. Lloyd Traum of the Stevens Water Monitoring System, Inc.

In a flag-raising ceremony held last 03 March at the HD grounds, the new HD director spoke of the imperativeness of being open to changes in order to achieve growth and development. He also enjoined everyone to start the day with a smile to brighten the environment even as the workload continues to grow.

In a related development, Administrator Ventura designated Commander Romeo P. Jacob as the HD Acting Assistant Director and Lcdr. Rosalino C. Delos Reyes as the HD Chief of Staff to support the department's team in command. Capt. Audie A. Ventirez was designated as MGD Acting Assistant Director vice Engineer Randolph S. Vicente who was reassigned to the Office of OIC/DA Carandang in preparation for his retirement from the government service.



Captain Ho accepts the HD colors recognizing the authority of his new duties and responsibilities as the HD Acting Director. Key NAMRIA officials graced the turnover rites.

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