

NEW HYDROGRAPHER OF JAPAN



Mr. Shin TANI was appointed as the Chief Hydrographer of Japan on 27th August 2012 after serving as a Cabinet Counsellor who lead the Japanese program for the Extension of the Continental Shelf under the framework of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. .

He was born in 1954 and graduated from the Kyoto University in 1978. After graduating from the University, he joined the Hydrographic Department of Maritime Safety Agency (JHOD, present name) in 1978.

During over 30 years of service in the Department, he has been mainly engaged in various hydrographic and geophysical cruises.

In the IHO world, he has been a member of GEBCO Technical Sub-Committee on Ocean mapping for over 20 years and also been a member of ABLOS, the Advisory Board on the Law of the Sea, since 2003. He served the vice-chair and the chair of ABLOS and chaired one of the most successful ABLOS Conference in 2008.