

NEW MEMBER OF EAHC

As of 27 August 1988, **the People's Republic of China** became the member of the East Asia Hydrographic Commission, Mr. Shen Xhicheng, Director, Maritime Safety Administration of Ministry of Communications representing the country at the Commission.

The participation of China in our EAHC is most welcome, and our activities will certainly be further strengthened towards the development of hydrography and the safety of navigation in our region.

NEW CHIEF HYDROGRAPHER OF KOREA

Mr. LEE Heon-Seek was appointed as Director General of the Office of Hydrographic Affairs, Ministry of Transportation, Republic of Korea, on 21 October 1987, relieving Dr. Mun-Son KIM. Born on 23 April 1947, he graduated the Seoul National University, and then studied Shipping Economics at the University of Wales in the United Kingdom. In March 1973, he passed the Higher Administration Civil Service Examination and joined the Ministry of Transportation (MOT) on June 1974. Then he served as planning and budget officer, MOT, until October 1987, when he was appointed as Director General, Office of Hydrographic Affairs, MOT. He also served as Director, Economic Cooperation Division of Korea Maritime and Port Administration (KMPA), Labor Policy Division of KMPA, Planning Division, Tourism Bureau, MOT, and Urban Transport Division, Land Transport Bureau, MOT.

PHILIPPINE BCGS RENAMED

The Bureau of Coast and Geodetic Survey (BCGS) has been merged with three other agencies to form the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA), Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and is now called the Surveys Department of NAMRIA. All functions (hydrography, oceanography and geodetic services) of the BCGS is now vested with the Surveys Department.

The change in administration resulted in having **Mr. Jose G. SOLIS** as Administrator of NAMRIA, whereas **Captain Renato B. FEIR** has been appointed as Director of the Surveys Department succeeding **Commodore Ananias A. BATILARAN** who has been appointed as Deputy Administrator of NAMRIA.

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LECTURE MEETING ON WORLD HYDROGRAPHY TODAY

The lecture meeting was held at the Hydrographic Department in Tokyo on 1 March 1988, by inviting all the members of the FIG/IHO International Advisory Board on Standards of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors. The Meeting was sponsored by the International Cultural Exchange Fund of the Japan Foundation for Shipbuilding Advancement (President: Ryoichi Sasakawa). It offered an excellent opportunity to hydrographic surveyors both in public and private sectors in Japan to deepen their understanding of world hydrography today and the significance of the international standards of competence for hydrographic surveyors.



The lectures given were: