

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:

1. "Significance of international qualification of hydrographic surveyors viewed from IHO, and some related experiences in Canada" by **Mr. Adam J. Kerr**, Director, IHB, and Chairman, FIG/IHO International Advisory Board.
2. "Hydrographic survey activities in Korea, present and future" by **Mr. Suk Woo Lee**, President, Korea Ocean Science & Engineering Corporation, Korea.
3. "Marine industry and international qualification of hydrographic surveyors" by **Mr. Roger Lott**, Senior Surveyor, BP Development Limited.
4. "Hydrography in college education, in relation to geodesy and other scientific fields" by **Dr. Ing. Sjamsir Mira**, Professor, Bandung Institute of Technology, Indonesia.
5. "Qualification systems of hydrographic surveyors in the United Kingdom" by **Mr. P. G. Odling-Smee**, FRICS, Institute of Marine Studies, Plymouth Polytechnic, United Kingdom.
6. "Hydrographic survey training in India" by **Commander D. Sengupta**, Staff Officer, Hydrographic Department, India.

#### VISITS

As part of the invitation plan of the Japan Transport Consultants Association (JTCA), **Mr. Seah Kok Siang**, Deputy Director General, Department of Survey and Mapping, Ministry of Land and Regional Development, Malaysia, visited Japan in November 1987. He called at the Hydrographic Department of Japan on 11 November, and visited various facilities of the Department as well as the Survey Vessel TENYO.

**Captain Wilson N. F. Chua**, Hydrographer, Port of Singapore Authority, called on Dr. Sato, Chief Hydrographer of Japan, on 30 January 1988, and exchanged views on mutual interest, and visited the computer mapping facilities of the Department. His visit was arranged by JTCA.