

F I F T H C O N F E R E N C E O F T H E
E A S T A S I A H Y D R O G R A P H I C C O M M I S S I O N

1. The 5th Conference of the East Asia Hydrographic Commission was held at the Hydrographic Department, Japan Maritime

Safety Agency, Tokyo, from 8th to 12th October 1990.



EAHC 5th Conference, Tokyo, 8-12 October 1990

2. The Conference was attended by the Chief Hydrographers and representatives from China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia and the Philippines as well as Rear Admiral Sir David Haslam, President of the International Hydrographic Bureau (IHB), and Mr. John Creamer, Far East Regional Coordinator for the Hydrographic Cooperation Program (HYCO-OP), as observers.

3. The items discussed at the Conference were as follows:

- (1) Report on activities of each Member State and IHB.
- (2) Charting scheme of medium and large scale INT charts for Area K.
- (3) Exchange of information on modern techniques
 - a. Modern hydrographic survey techniques, instrumentation and related problems
 - b. Automatic chart production

- c. Status of survey methods to fix territorial waters
- (4) Ocean mapping in the WESTPAC area
 - a. Report on the "First Meeting of Group of Experts on Ocean Mapping in the WESTPAC Area"
 - b. Cooperation in ocean mapping by EAHC Member States
- (5) Cooperative work in the region
 - a. Introduction plan of NAVTEX service in Member States
 - b. Possible joint survey operation among Member States specially in the South China Sea
 - c. Mutual cooperation in connecting the geodetic systems of EAHC Member States
 - d. Exchange of views and concerning the rising of sea level due to global warming and exchange of tidal data in the region
 - e. Technical assistance to other developing Member States

- f Exchange of medium and large scale charts
- (6) Measures for development of electronic charts
- (7) Exchange of views concerning EAHC activity report to be submitted to the XIVth I.H. Conference
- (8) Date and venue of the Sixth Conference of EAHC
- (9) Invitation of certain countries to EAHC and participation of observers.

4. The Conference adopted one resolution and four recommendations as follows:

- (1) As a result of discussions under item (5)b. above, Captain Renato B. Feir, Philippines, was nominated as Chairman of the corresponding working group to be formed to for joint hydrographic survey and charting of the South China Sea, to find and study (i) the areas where modern surveying and charting are demanded; (ii) means and measures to form a joint survey;

and (iii) possible financial support by UNDP or nay other international or national organizations. This formed **Resolution No.1** of the Conference.

(2) The four recommendations are:

Recommendation No.1 : Cooperation in the preparation of International Bathymetric Chart for the Westpac Region (IBCWP),

Recommendation No.2 : NAVTEX service,

Recommendation No.3 : Connection of national geodetic systems to WGS, and

Recommendation No.4 : Exchange of tidal data in the East Asia Region.

5. As Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Commission for the next term, Captain Mohd Rasip bin Hassan of Malaysia and Commodore Raden Widodo of Indonesia, were unanimously accepted and elected, respectively.

6. The next Conference will be held in Malaysia in 1995.

NEW CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF EAHC

At the end of the 5th Conference of the East Asia Hydrographic Commission (EAHC) on 12 October 1990, **Captain Mohd Rasip bin Hassan**, Malaysia, became the Chairman of EAHC for the new term (1991-95), and Commodore Raden Widodo, Indonesia, was unanimously elected as Vice-Chairman, in accordance with Article V of the Statutes of the Commission.

Captain Rasip started his naval career as a Cadet at the Britannia Royal Naval College (BRNC), United Kingdom in 1967.

Upon graduation, he served in the Hydrographic Branch of the Royal Malay-

sian Navy in a wide variety of appointments. He has attended hydrographic and oceanographic specialist courses in Australia and Japan, including the Post Graduate Diploma in Hydrographic surveying Course at Plymouth Polytechnic, United Kingdom. Since then, he has held several appointments and was in command of the minesweeper, KD KINABALU and the two hydrographic/oceanographic vessels of the Royal Malaysian Navy, KD PERANTAU and KD MUTIARA. After gaining extensive field experience surveying Malaysian waters including the Four-Nation (Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia and Singapore) Joint Survey of the Malacca