

NEW CHIEF HYDROGRAPHER HYDROGRAPHIC DEPARTMENT, JAPAN

Dr. Yoshio IWABUCHI, age 55, took over the post of Chief Hydrographer, Hydrographic Department of Japan, on 1 April 1991.

Dr. Iwabuchi graduated from Tohoku University, Department of Science, and then joined the Hydrographic Department, Japan Maritime Safety Agency (JMSA), in 1958. He obtained a Doctor's degree in Geology from the same university in 1967.

During his past 32 years' service, Dr. Iwabuchi has held many important posts in JMSA, which included the posts of Directors, Hydrographic Departments of 3rd and 7th Regional Maritime Safety Headquarters in Yokohama and Moji,

respectively, as well as Japan Oceanographic Data Center (JODC), Oceanographic Data and Information Division, Coastal Surveys and Cartography Division, Planning Division in Tokyo Headquarters. For two years prior to his appointment as Chief Hydrographer, he was Deputy Commander of the 9th Regional M. S. Headquarters in Niigata, where was opened to foreign trade in 1869 and is now the major port facing on the Japan Sea.

Dr. Iwabuchi is a member of various societies and associations including the Geological Society of Japan, the Japan Cartographers' Association, the Japan Society for Marine Surveys and Technology.



Dr. Iwabuchi, Chief Hydrographer, Hydrographic Department of Japan

NEW DIRECTOR HYDROGRAPHIC DEPARTMENT, ROYAL THAI NAVY

Vice Admiral Permsak VEJANUKROH assumed the post of Director of the Hydrographic Department of Thailand on 1 April 1991 in place of Vice Admiral Charb SDUBBUNDHIT.

Vice Admiral Vejjanukroh was born in the province of Narathiwat in the southern part of Thailand, very close to Malaysia. He

attended the Naval Academy and received a Bachelor's degree in 1955.

He was first assigned to Astronomy Section of Maritime Security Division. In 1957, he went to the Federal Republic of Germany to pursue a Master's degree in Astronomy at the University of Hamburg. In order to make the best benefit of his time there, he

took a training at the Hamburg Observatory and his ability was very satisfactorily recognized.

After he finished his studies, he became Acting Chief, Astronomy Section. In 1970 and 1972, he had an on-the-job training on Standard Time Maintenance and Atomic Frequency Standard at Rohde & Schwarz GmbH, FRG. He became Assistant Chief of Technical Division and Chief of Maritime Security Division in 1977 and

1979, respectively. In 1981, he was assigned to Director of Oceanographic Division, during his term here he took part in the Gulf of Thailand expeditions twice.

He was appointed to Assistant Director of the Hydrographic Department in 1989 and was promoted to Rear Admiral. Then a year later he became Deputy Director. Because of his wide knowledge of astronomy, he has been invited to be Advisory Committee of Astronomy Society of Thailand since 1990.



Rear Admiral Permsak VEJANUKROH, Director, Hydrographic Department, Thailand

RESHUFFLE OF J.H.D. STAFF

Staff members of the Hydrographic Department of Japan have recently been reshuffled. The newly appointed Counsellor, Directors and Heads are:

Mr. Ichiji UDA, Counsellor (Deputy Director General)

Mr. Ikuo TOMOKANE, Director, Administration Division

Dr. Shoichi OSHIMA, Director, Planning Division

Mr. Masataka HISHIDA, Director, Ocean Surveys Division

Dr. Yasuhiro GANEKO, Director, Coastal Surveys & Cartography Division

Mr. Yasuo GOTO, Director, Notices to Mariners Division

Mr. Tadao TATSUNO, Head, Satellite Geodesy Office

Mr. Yuko YANO, Head, International Cooperation Office