

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