

# WORLD HYDROGRAPHY DAY CELEBRATION

Jakarta, Indonesia, 12 August



The Hydrographic Service of Indonesia (Dinas Hidro-Oceanografi - Dishidros) celebrated World Hydrography Day with a national seminar held in Jakarta on 12 August. The seminar was hosted by the Hydrographer of Indonesia Commodore Daryanto. The Deputy Coordinating Minister on Maritime Sovereignty, His Excellency Ambassador Arif Havas Oegroseno, the Chief of Navy, Admiral Ade Supandi, Prof. Ir. R. Sjaref Widjaja Secretary-General of the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, and the President of the IHB Directing Committee Robert Ward addressed over 100 guests. The seminar was combined with an industry exhibition that featured both national and international hydrographic equipment manufacturers and service providers.

The seminar highlighted the recognition by the government of Indonesia of the fundamental value of hydrography. The Chief of Navy drew attention to two new surveying ships that had entered service recently and plans to increase the fleet of naval surveying ships from the current three ships to 12 over the next few years. Ashore, Dishidros has embarked upon a programme to establish Indonesia's Maritime Spatial Data Infrastructure. Signalling the higher priority being placed on hydrography, the position of national Hydrographer will soon be elevated in rank from Commodore to Rear Admiral.

President Ward delivered a presentation on "*The Role of National Hydrographic Offices in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*" in which he stressed the need for national Hydrographic Offices to take the lead in making hydrographic data more widely available to support the proper governance and management of the seas, oceans and coastal waters, including the development of the *blue economy* in a safe and sustainable way.



*President Ward accepts the badge of Dishidros from Cdre Daryanto*