

Celebration of World Hydrography Day 2019 by NHO, Sri Lanka

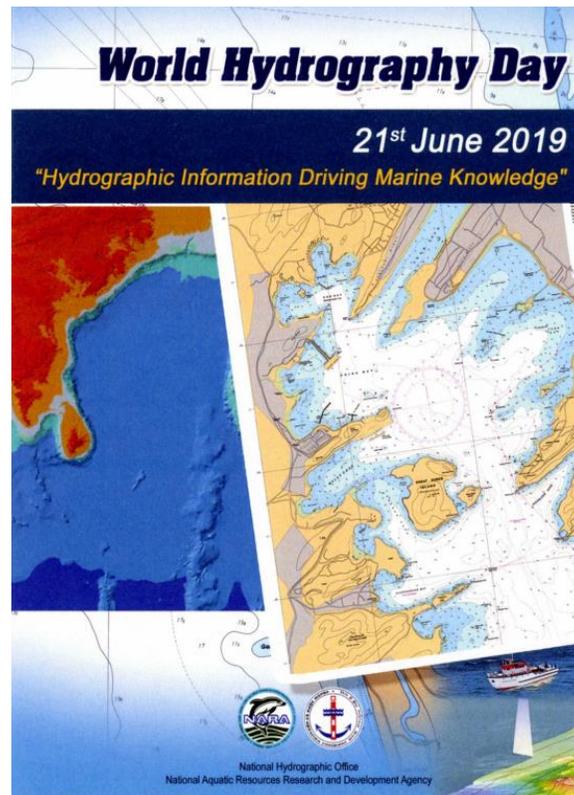
National Hydrographic Office (NHO) of National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency (NARA), Sri Lanka, celebrated the day with the school children who are the members of Aqua Club of schools and the distinguished guests from NARA. As IHO emphasize, bearing the aim of giving suitable publicity to hydrographic works, NHO, NARA has chosen transfer knowledge to the younger generation who are keen to explore the ocean, on this important day.

In this event Eng. W.N.M. Zoysa, Director General, NARA graced the seminar as Chief Guest. He highlighted the importance of hydrography to the nation as well as the world and the importance of giving the knowledge to the young generation. Mr. S.R.C. Ranaweera, Actg. Chief Hydrographer delivered the key note address.

The seminar was included three presentations on “What is Hydrography and Why we need Hydrography”, Law of the Sea and Maritime Zones and Modern technology and Future of Hydrography”. Finally Cartographers conducted activity on “Map reading and Cartography” to the children. A display was also arranged with hydrographic products and various survey equipments.

In parallel to the world hydrography day celebration 2019 at NHO, NARA, Faculty of Geomatics, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka who is conducting B.Sc. Geomatics degree course and produce the future hydrographers to the NHO, has also organized a Hydrographic Seminar in the theme of “Hydrographic Information Driving Marine Knowledge” along with the NHO. Here, several addresses were made by the faculty academics and the industry related to the WHD 2019 theme. Further, an exhibition was organized related to hydrography to promote hydrography among the university community. Further, a research group ‘Hydro Explorers’ was also formed at the faculty to promote R&D activities & promote hydrography. Faculty of Geomatics started a BSc Surveying Sciences specialization in Hydrographic Surveying degree with the FIG/IHO/ICA Category B recognition in 2015 and the first group of students will be graduating end of this year.

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Photo Gallery



Arriving to the NARA Premises



Registration for the Seminar

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Instruments Demonstration

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Address the gathering by the Chief Guest,
Director General of NARA



Key Note Address by the Actg. Chief Hydrographer

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Presenting a NHO publication to Director General, NARA



Presentations on Hydrography and introducing the theme of WHD, 2019

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Explaining the Topographic Maps and Nautical Charts



Hands on Cartography

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Presenting Souvenirs

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Student with NHO Staff

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Group Photo of the Research Group 'Hydro Explorers' with Academic staff



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Glimpse of the Hydro Exhibition