

First nautical chart prepared by SLNHS

The first nautical chart prepared by the SLN Hydrographic Service (SLNHS) covering the Kachchaitivu Island was officially handed over to the Commander of the Navy, Vice Admiral Sirimevan Ranasinghe by the Chief Hydrographer, Rear Admiral Sisira Jayakody at the Naval Headquarters last week.

As Sri Lanka endeavours to become an important maritime hub in the region, development in the discipline of Hydrography is indeed an essential element for the country to prosper. Hydrography underpins almost every other activity associated with the sea, including safety of navigation, protection of the marine environment, national

infrastructure development, coastal zone management, marine exploration, marine resource exploitation, maritime boundary delimitation, maritime defence and security and coastal disaster management.

In this regard, the mission of SLNHS is to meet, defence, national and other stakeholder requirements providing navigational, hydrographic and geo-spatial information, products and services in the most efficient manner. Further, its objectives are carefully set in order to achieve the stipulated vision and specifically ensure that international obligations under SOLAS (Safety of Life at Sea) convention are met.