

## **CELEBRATIONS OF WORLD HYDROGRAPHY DAY 2018 IN PAKISTAN**

World Hydrography Day is an opportunity to increase public awareness regarding its vital role of hydrography which it plays in host of maritime sectors. The theme of World Hydrography Day 2018 (Bathymetry - the foundation for sustainable seas, oceans and waterways) is intended to provide a broad range of opportunities to publicize the hydrographic work and services provided by national hydrographic offices. Pakistan is pleased to support United Nations endorsed World Hydrography Day 2018 under the supervision of Pakistan Navy Hydrographic Department (PNHD).

For World Hydrography Day 2018 celebrations, PNHD arranged two events for the awareness of general public on importance of the hydrography. The third event was hosted in the form of a seminar for relevant organizations/ stake holders. In the first event, articles were published in different newspapers both in national and international languages highlighting the importance of hydrography in different maritime domains.

For the second event, a video clip of about 6 to 7 minutes length was prepared and telecasted on different national TV channels for awareness of general public. The same video clip is available at <https://youtu.be/CivDYRIB-4c>.

The third and main event was the seminar on World Hydrography Day that was held on 26 June 2018 in Bahria University Karachi, Pakistan. The seminar was attended by different organization and stakeholders i.e. naval officers, retired hydrographers, reps of National Institute of Oceanography (NIO) and port authorities, delegation of Second Institute of Oceanography from China and students and faculty members of different universities. A total of 150 personnel attended the said seminar.

In addition to different papers presented by stake holders during the seminar, Hydrographer of Pakistan Navy (HPN), Captain Muhammad Khalid PN held exclusive interactive session alongwith Director General NIO where various questions and recommendations were deliberated while highlighting the importance of hydrography in different maritime sectors.

## PICTURES OF WORLD HYDROGRAPHY SEMINAR 2018





