

**LIAISON VISIT TO THE 12TH COURSE
OF THE IHO-NIPPON FOUNDATION GEOMAC PROJECT
United Kingdom Hydrographic Office, Taunton, UK 4 May 2022**

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| Contribution to the IHO Work Programme 2022 | |
| CBWP P-03 | Attendance of GEOMAC Liaison visit |

IHO Director Luigi Sinapi, Assistant Director Leonel Manteigas and Project Officer Kazufumi Matsumoto visited the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO) on 4 May 2022 to meet and brief the trainees attending the 12th course of the IHO - Nippon Foundation GEOMAC (Geospatial Marine Analysis and Cartography) project. The project, funded by the Nippon Foundation of Japan, provides training in marine cartography and data assessment, which is recognized by the FIG-IHO-ICA International Board on Standards of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors and Nautical Cartographers (IBSC) as Cartography Category "B" course. The course was hosted by the UKHO and is composed of six modules, each module varying from one to three weeks in length. The 12th course ran from 7 February 2022 to 27 May 2022 and was attended by trainees from Colombia, Dominican Republic, Guyana, Indonesia, Malta, Romania and Uruguay.

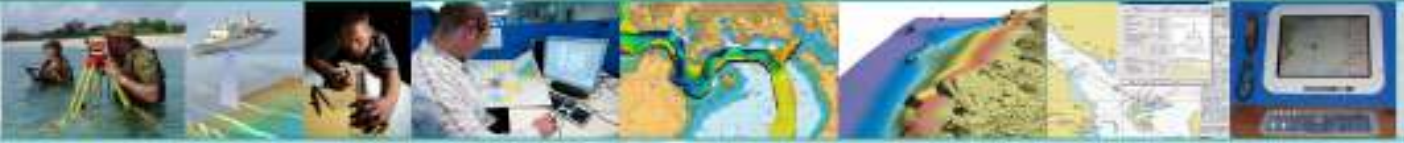
The Team of the IHO Secretariat discussed various topics with the trainees. In response, the trainees described their experiences and thanked the Nippon Foundation, UKHO and IHO for the opportunity to develop their knowledge and expertise in the field of nautical cartography and the relevant fields. Director Sinapi delivered a presentation highlighting the roles of IHO, importance of hydrography, the recent relevant topics around hydrography and capacity building activities. The impact of the CHART/GEOMAC project was also described and presented in detail by Project Officer Matsumoto. The trainees were encouraged to keep in touch with each other and to maintain alumni network and relationships after they return to their home countries.



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The trainers and trainees of the 12th GEOMAC Course with the IHO visiting Team.



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