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**IHO - NIPPON FOUNDATION
GEOMAC (Geospatial Marine Analysis and Cartography) PROJECT**

References:

- A. IHO CL 20/2020 dated 28 May - *IHO - NIPPON FOUNDATION GEOMAC PROJECT – Successful Nomination of Candidates for the 12th Course*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. In the Circular Letter in reference, the IHO Secretariat announced the selected candidates who would benefit from the opportunity offered by the IHO-Nippon Foundation GEOMAC (Geospatial Marine Analysis and Cartography) Project – fully funded by the Nippon Foundation.
2. In July 2020, after reviewing the situation of the COVID-19 pandemic in close liaison with the UKHO, the IHO Secretariat decided on the first postponement of the 12th GEOMAC course, initially planned to commence in September 2020. Unfortunately, the actual situation has not improved and many countries have international travel restrictions.
3. The UKHO, JHOD and the IHO Secretariat recently conducted a Coordination meeting via VTC to discuss the course administration. Having in consideration that the highest priority is always the safety of the people involved in the course, the IHO Secretariat would like to announce the second postponement of the 12th GEOMAC course to September 2021 and advise the selected Member States and the respective candidates to follow further instructions from the UKHO.
4. The IHO Secretariat would like also to announce that the entire schedule of the three year GEOMAC Project courses has been updated and adjusted to the current circumstances, as described in the Annex to this Circular Letter.

On behalf of the Secretary-General
Yours sincerely,



Luigi SINAPI
Director

Annex: Updated schedule of the GEOMAC Project

Annual schedule (2021-2022)

2021

April/May/June

August

September

December 2021

Call for applications for the
13th GEOMAC Course

12th GEOMAC Course
N.B. Originally planned for SEP2020 – DEC2020

2022

January/February

April/May

September

December 2022

13th GEOMAC Course

Call for applications for
14th GEOMAC Course

14th GEOMAC Course