

# IHO-Nippon Foundation GEOMAC Project

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# Overview

GEOMAC Project (formerly JCBP and CHART Project) is:

- 3-year capacity building programme for cartographers,
- launched in 2008,
- recognized by the IBSC with Category “B”
- financially supported by the Nippon Foundation
- Training course is provided by the UKHO (in Taunton, UK)



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# Overview (cont'd)

- The current project started in 2023:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> course was provided in 2023,
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> course will be in 2024 and
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> course will be in 2025.
- The students learn:
  - Cartographic basics
  - Compilation and production of ENC and Paper Chart
  - Decision making and processing of new information
  - MSDI, International cooperation projects, Digital Twin and S-100



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# GEOMAC Project in 2023

- The 15<sup>th</sup> training course was held from 24 July to 15 December 2023.
- 7 students completed this course.
- 18 applications from 17 countries.



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# GEOMAC Project in 2024

- The 16<sup>th</sup> training course will be held from 15 July to 13 December 2024.
- 7 students will be selected.
- The **IHO CL03/2024** was issued to call for applications for this course.
- MS can nominate one candidate **no later than 4 March 2024**.

## Action Requested of CB Coordinators:

- To encourage each country of RHC to consider nominating a candidate



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# Alumni Seminar 2023

- The alumni seminar is organized to strengthen the alumni network, to encourage cooperation between the alumni, to improve the global friendship and to obtain feedback from them.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Alumni Seminar was held in October 2023 in London, UK.
- 48 alumni from 32 countries and the speakers from the NF, FIG, IBSC, Seabed 2030 joined it.



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