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**To:** Members, Associate Members, and Observers of the IHO North Indian Ocean Hydrographic Commission (NIOHC)

**Subject:** Chair Handover, 20th NIOHC Meeting Dates, Agenda Input and National Report

Dear NIOHC Colleagues,

### **Chair Handover**

I am pleased to inform you that Sri Lanka officially took over chairmanship of the NIOHC for the first time in its history from United Kingdom, on the 28th July 2019.

While thanking Rear Admiral Tim Lowe, CBE of the United Kingdom for positive contribution that he made in achieving goals of the commission and making progress of the hydrographic affairs in the region as the chair of NIOHC over the last year, I look forward to continuing the progress of the NIOHC with the support of Rear Admiral Harjo Susmoro, Vice Chair and all other dear colleges of NIOHC.

### **20th NIOHC Meeting Dates**

The preliminary program proposed for consideration is as follows:

- The NIOHC plenary meeting, from 14th to 16th July 2020.
- The meeting will be preceded by the NIOHC Seminar on Raising Awareness of Hydrography, and the NIOHC INT Chart Coordination Working Group (NICCWG) on the 13th July 2020.

A formal notification/invitation in this regard will be issued along with the logistics information, registration form, draft agenda, and status of actions in due course.

## **Agenda Input**

Please forward your agenda items to the Chair not later than 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020. I would appreciate if you could send your agenda items by email to: chiefhydrographer@navy.lk and to the NIOHC Secretariat paps-perera@navy.lk and sectoch@gmail.com.

## **National Report**

All NIOHC Members and Associate Members are kindly requested to submit your national reports, even if unable to attend NIOHC; which in turn will help understand the status quo of hydrographic affairs in the region. Further, it is noted that the national reports to be submitted prior commencement of the NIOHC 2020 conference please.

Finally, I look forward to seeing you all in warm sunny Colombo and having fruitful engagement during NIOHC 2020.

Yours sincerely,



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