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**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HYDROGRAPHIC SCIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI (USA) SPONSORED BY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

Eighth Course (10 August 2020 - 5 August 2021)

SELECTION OF A CANDIDATE

Reference: IHO CL 49/2019 dated 2 October - *Master of Science Programme in Hydrographic Science at the University of Southern Mississippi (USA) sponsored by the Republic of Korea. Call for Nominations (8th Course, August 2020 - August 2021)*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. In the above-referenced Circular Letter, the IHO Secretariat invited the IHO Member States to consider nominating suitable candidates who would benefit from the opportunity offered by the Republic of Korea (ROK) Programme of Technical Cooperation to enroll in the 2020-2021 session of the Category "A" Master of Science in Hydrographic Science at the University of Southern Mississippi (USM), USA.
2. The IHO Secretariat received applications from seven countries. The Selection Board, comprising representatives from the Republic of Korea, the IHO Secretariat and the USM met on 2 March 2020 via video conference and examined all seven applications. The budget allocation from the Korean fund to sponsor the training for this session will be available for one student.
3. The candidate from **Philippines, Mr Marlon Estropia** was assessed as meeting all of the necessary criteria and was selected for the session that will be held at the USM from 10 August 2020 (reporting date) to 5 August 2021 (departure date). An individual notification letter has been sent to the selected applicant with detailed instructions. The candidate from Malaysia, Mr Muhamad Khairul Bin Abdullah is the reserve candidate.
4. In accordance with Annex C of the Reference (Timetable for selection of the candidates), the selected candidate must submit all the required documentation to the USM in liaison with Ms Sheila Malley, Coordinator of the Hydrographic Science Graduate Degree Programme, Department of Marine Science (e-mail: Sheila.Malley@usm.edu, Tel: +1 228 688 7123, Fax: +1 228 688 1121). Ms Malley is the principal point of contact at the USM. The selected candidate will receive detailed logistic information directly from the USM.
5. It is expected that another opportunity for training at USM will be offered in 2021, thanks to the continuing and generous support of the Republic of Korea. The IHO Circular Letter regarding the call for nominations for the next session is planned to be circulated in September 2020. The Secretariat advises those organizations whose applications were not selected this time, together with other prospective candidates, to begin preparations for next year's applications now. In particular, prospective candidates should ensure that they have

all the necessary documentation well in advance, especially the necessary TOEFL / IELTS and GRE scores.

6. The IHO Secretariat congratulates the candidate who has been selected and thanks the IHO Member States for their interest.

7. The IHO Secretariat would also like to renew its thanks to the Republic of Korea for its substantial support of the IHO Capacity Building and other programmes.

On behalf of the Secretary-General
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mustafa IPTES', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mustafa IPTES
Director