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

**9<sup>th</sup> Course (6 August 2021 - 5 August 2022)**

**SELECTION OF CANDIDATES**

Reference: IHO CL 34/2020, dated 7 October 2020 - *Master of Science Programme in Hydrographic Science at the University of Southern Mississippi (USA) sponsored by the Republic of Korea - Call for Nominations (9<sup>th</sup> Course)*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. In the reference, 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 enrol in the 2021-2022 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 5 March 2021 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 two students.
3. The candidates from **Fiji (Mr Josaia Moceinasavu BUARUA)** and from **Thailand (Mr Nuttachai LUANGARAM)** were assessed as meeting all necessary criteria and were selected for the session that will be held at the USM from 6 August 2021 (reporting date) to 5 August 2022 (departure date). Individual notification letters have been sent to the selected applicants with detailed instructions. The candidates from Bangladesh (Mr Md Zubayer Ahmed) and from Ecuador (Mr Kenneth Albert Talavera Hidalgo) are respectively the first and the second reserve candidates.
4. In accordance with Annex C of the Reference (Timetable for selection of the candidates), the selected candidates must submit all the required documentation to the USM in liaison with Prof. Stephan Howden, acting Coordinator of the Hydrographic Science Graduate Program, Department of Marine Science (e-mail: Stephan.Howden@usm.edu) and Mr Alberto Costa Neves, future Coordinator (e-mail: pedrassani@outlook.com). The selected candidates will receive detailed logistic information directly from the USM.

5. It is expected that another opportunity for training at the USM will be offered in 2022, 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 2021. 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 candidates who have 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 to the IHO Capacity Building and other programmes.

On behalf of the Secretary-General  
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luigi Sinapi', written in a cursive style.

Luigi SINAPI  
IHO Director