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**CIRCULAR LETTER 31/2021
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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*
- B. IHO CL 08/2021 dated 11 February - *IHO - NIPPON FOUNDATION GEOMAC (Geospatial Marine Analysis and Cartography) PROJECT*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. In the Circular Letters in reference, the IHO Secretariat announced the selected candidates who would benefit from the opportunity offered by the joint IHO-Nippon Foundation GEOMAC (Geospatial Marine Analysis and Cartography) Project – fully funded by the Nippon Foundation.
2. In February 2021, after reviewing the situation of the COVID-19 pandemic, in close liaison with the UKHO as conducting partner, the IHO Secretariat decided on the second postponement of the 12th GEOMAC course to September 2021, previously planned to commence in January/February 2021. Unfortunately, the actual situation has not improved and many countries still have international travel restrictions.
3. The IHO Secretariat, after a careful review and discussions with Nippon Foundation, UKHO and JHOD and having in consideration that the highest priority is always the safety of the people involved in the course, hereby announce the third postponement of the 12th GEOMAC course now to February 2022 and advise the Member States and the selected candidates to follow further instructions from the UKHO.
4. The IHO Secretariat would also like 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,



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Director

Annex: Updated schedule of the GEOMAC Project

Updated schedule of the GEOMAC Project

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