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

SELECTION OF CANDIDATES (10th Course, 7 August 2022 - 4 August 2023)

Reference: IHO CL 30/2021, dated 02 August 2021 - *Master of Science Programme in Hydrographic Science at the University of Southern Mississippi (USA) sponsored by the Republic of Korea - Call for Nominations (10th Course)*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. In the reference, the IHO Secretariat invited the IHO Member States to consider nominating one suitable candidate who would benefit from the opportunity offered by the IHO-Republic of Korea (ROK) Programme of Technical Cooperation to enrol in the 2022-2023 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 Panel, comprising of representatives from the ROK, the IHO Secretariat and the USM met on 26 January 2022 via video conference and examined all the applications. The budget allocation from the ROK fund to sponsor the training for this session will be available for two students.
3. The candidates from **Sri Lanka (Mr Darshana Charitha WICKRAMASINGHE)** and from **Guatemala (Mr Diego Fernando MENDEZ PORTA)** were assessed as meeting all necessary criteria and were **selected** for the session that will be held at the USM from 7 August 2022 (reporting date) to 4 August 2023 (departure date). Individual notification letters have been sent to the selected applicants with detailed instructions. The candidates from Bangladesh (Mr Suprio Ananda) and from Ecuador (Mr Kenneth Albert Talavera Hidalgo) are respectively the first and the second reserve candidates.
4. In accordance with Annex C to the Reference (Timetable for the selection of candidates), the selected candidates must submit all the required documentation to the USM in liaison with Mr Alberto P. COSTA NEVES (e-mail: Alberto.Neves@usm.edu), Hydrographic Science Program Coordinator/Instructor at the USM. 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 2023, 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 August 2022. 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