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**CIRCULAR LETTER 19/2022**  
**18 May 2022**

**IHO - NIPPON FOUNDATION GEOMAC PROJECT –  
SUCCESSFUL NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE 13<sup>TH</sup> AND 14<sup>TH</sup> COURSES**

Reference A: IHO CL 08/2022 dated 14 February - *Call for Applications to the IHO - Nippon Foundation Geospatial Marine Analysis and Cartography (GEOMAC) Project, UKHO, Taunton UK, 1 August to 16 December 2022*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. Reference A invited IHO Member States to nominate candidates who would benefit from the opportunity offered by the IHO - Nippon Foundation GEOMAC (Geospatial Marine Analysis and Cartography) Project that provides training in Marine Cartography and Data Assessment and is funded by the Nippon Foundation (NF). The programme is recognized by the FIG-IHO-ICA International Board on Standards of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors and Nautical Cartographers (IBSC) with Category "B".
2. The IHO Secretariat received 45 applications from 31 IHO Members States.
3. The selection panel, comprising of representatives from the Japan Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department (JHOD), the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO) and the IHO Secretariat, held a video meeting on 26 April 2022 and examined all the applications received.
4. Candidates from:
  - **Algeria (Mr. Ayoub DJEDDI),**
  - **Argentina (Mr. Gregorio Ezequiel DÍAZ TORRES),**
  - **Ecuador (Ms. Mildred BARZOLA),**
  - **Fiji (Ms. Palu SOQOIWASA),**
  - **Ghana (Mr. Gabriel AWEYA),**
  - **Lebanon (Mr. Joud SAYAH),**
  - **Malaysia (Mr. Fedzrin Iswandi MOHD NOR),**
  - **New Zealand (Mr. Marcel LANZ),**
  - **Nigeria (Mr. Muhammed Kabiru UMARU),**
  - **Oman (Mr. Mohammed AL-AAMRI),**
  - **Peru (Mr. Sergio LAURA),**
  - **Philippines (Ms. Clarizza Mae BIONG),**
  - **Seychelles (Ms. Steffi NIBOURETTE), and**
  - **Thailand (Mr. Outsadawoot PUTTASOW)**

were selected for the courses that will be conducted at the UKHO in Taunton, United Kingdom, from 1 August to 16 December 2022. Individual notification letters will be distributed by the IHO Secretariat with the instructions to be followed by the selected applicants.

5. The selections listed in paragraph 4 are for the nominated personnel only. National authorities cannot substitute the selected candidates with any other personnel.

6. The IHO Secretariat congratulates those candidates that have been selected. The IHO Secretariat advises those organizations whose applicants have not been selected this time to apply again when the next call for nominations is announced by IHO Circular Letter.

7. Finally, the IHO Secretariat would like to thank the JHOD, UKHO, and particularly the Nippon Foundation, for the successful results obtained so far. To date, the IHO-NF GEOMAC project and its forerunners, the Japan Capacity Building Project and CHART project, have educated 71 nautical cartographers, almost all of whom are now working in chart production, thereby contributing directly to achieving the IHO's goals and targets.

On behalf of the Secretary-General  
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luigi SINAPI', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Luigi SINAPI  
Director