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**CATEGORY “B” NAUTICAL CARTOGRAPHY PROGRAMME
SPONSORED BY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (19 June - 3 November 2023)**

SELECTION OF CANDIDATES

Reference: IHO CL07/2023 dated 17 February - Category “B” Nautical Cartography Programme sponsored by the Republic of Korea - Call for Applications

Dear Hydrographer,

1. In the reference, the IHO Secretariat invited the IHO Member States to consider nominating one suitable candidate who will benefit from the opportunity offered by the IHO-Republic of Korea Programme of Technical Cooperation to participate in the Category “B” Nautical Cartography Programme at the Korea Hydrographic and Oceanographic Agency (KHOA) in Busan, Republic of Korea, from 19 June to 3 November 2023.

2. The IHO Secretariat received 14 applications from 14 IHO Member States. The Selection Panel, comprising of representatives from the Republic of Korea and the IHO Secretariat met via video conference and examined all applications received. The budget allocation from the fund to sponsor this programme will only be available for nine participants.

3. The following candidates were selected for the programme:

- **Australia (Ms Amanda-Ashley BOSKOVSKI),**
- **Georgia (Mr Giorgi RURUA),**
- **Ghana (Mr Samuel Ago MANTEY),**
- **Greece (Mr Nikolaos GRAMMATIKOPOULOS),**
- **Guatemala (Mr Walther Danilo QUIROZ GONZALEZ),**
- **Nigeria (Ms Mercy Modupe OGUNGBAMILA),**
- **Oman (Mr Abdullah Ali Saleh AL BULUSHI),**
- **Philippines (Mr Mike Aldrin C. DACATIMBAN) and**
- **Saudi Arabia (Mr Ali Farhan S ALZHRANI)**

Individual notification letters with the instructions to be followed by the selected candidates have been distributed by the IHO Secretariat. National authorities may not substitute the selected candidates with any other personnel, as the successful candidates were individually selected based on merit.

4. It is likely that other opportunities for education and training will be available in 2024, thanks to the continuing and generous support of the Republic of Korea. The IHO Secretariat advises the nominating organizations to continue preparing prospective candidates for future opportunities.

5. The IHO Secretariat congratulates the candidates who have been selected, and thanks the IHO Member States for their interest. Furthermore, the IHO Secretariat would like to renew its thanks to the Republic of Korea for its continued 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