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**CIRCULAR LETTER 16/2023**  
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**IHO - NIPPON FOUNDATION GEOMAC PROJECT –  
SUCCESSFUL NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE 15<sup>TH</sup> COURSE**

Reference A: IHO CL 09/2023 dated 27 February - *Call for Applications to the IHO - Nippon Foundation Geospatial Marine Analysis and Cartography (GEOMAC) Project, UKHO, Taunton UK*

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 applications from 17 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 assessed carefully all applications received.
4. Candidates from:
  - **Chile (Mr David FUENTES),**
  - **Ecuador (Ms Diana YANEZ),**
  - **Indonesia (Mr Wahyudi MARDASIN),**
  - **Jamaica (Ms Shari BOWEN-ROBINSON),**
  - **Kenya (Mr Anthony WAIYEGO),**
  - **Romania (Ms Eva NECULAE),**
  - **Uruguay (Mr Mathias COCCARO)**

were selected for the course that will be conducted at the UKHO in Taunton, United Kingdom, from 24 July to 15 December 2023. Individual notification letters will be distributed by the IHO Secretariat with the instructions to be followed by the selected candidates.

5. The selected candidates listed in paragraph 4 are for the nominated person only. National authorities cannot substitute the selected candidates with any other person.
6. The IHO Secretariat congratulates those candidates that have been selected and 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 91 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