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**CIRCULAR LETTER 15/2024**  
**29 February 2024**

**CATEGORY “B” HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY PROGRAMME**  
**SPONSORED BY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (17 June - 1 November 2024)**  
**SELECTION OF CANDIDATES**

Reference: IHO CL44/2023 dated 18 December - Category “B” Hydrographic Survey 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” Hydrographic Survey Programme at the Korea Hydrographic and Oceanographic Agency (KHOA) in Busan, Republic of Korea, from 17 June to 1 November 2024.

2. The IHO Secretariat received 20 applications from 20 IHO Member States. The Selection Panel, comprising of representatives from the Republic of Korea and the IHO Secretariat met on 27 February 2024 via video conference and examined all applications received. The budget allocation from the fund to sponsor this programme will be available for ten participants.

3. The following candidates were selected for the programme;

- **Croatia (Mr Marko RAKOCIJA),**
- **Georgia (Mr Tornike CHKHAIDZE),**
- **Iran (Mr Ghasem DALIR),**
- **Jamaica (Mr Devroy GAYLE),**
- **Nigeria (Mr Abdulrasheed JOKOMBA),**
- **Philippines (Mr Henrice LOPEZ),**
- **Sri Lanka (Mr Isuru WEERASINGHE),**
- **Suriname (Mr Anthony PIEKA)**
- **Ukraine (Mr Dmytro MAZIN) and**
- **Venezuela (Mr Victor RIOS ROJAS)**

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 their merits. The candidates from Thailand (Mr Krittanai NIRAPAIWONG) and from Tunisia (Mr Oussema CHAABANI) are the first and the second reserve candidates

respectively.

4. It is likely that other opportunities for education and training will be available in 2025, 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 those 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  
Director