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**CIRCULAR LETTER 17/2024**  
**20 March 2024**

**IHO-NIPPON FOUNDATION GEOMAC PROJECT –  
SUCCESSFUL NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE 16<sup>th</sup> COURSE**

Reference A: IHO CL 03/2024 dated 16 January 2024 - *Call for Applications for Training under 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 28 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:
  - Bangladesh (Aminul ISLAM),
  - Cuba (Yusdaide PONS CASTILLO),
  - Fiji (Adi Luisa DUGUIVALU),
  - Lebanon (Anthony MAKHLOUF),
  - Philippines (Monalyne RABINO),
  - Tunisia (Housseem NJIMI) and
  - Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (Karla Maroly ORTÍZ DÍAZ)

were selected for the course that will be conducted at the UKHO in Taunton, United Kingdom, from 15 July to 13 December 2024. Individual notification letters will be distributed by the IHO Secretariat with the instructions to be followed by the selected applicants.

5. The selected applicants listed in paragraph 4 are for the nominated persons only. National authorities cannot replace the selected candidates by 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 99 nautical cartographers, almost all of whom are now working in the nautical cartographic 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', written in a cursive style.

Luigi SINAPI  
Director