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**INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE IHO INFRASTRUCTURE CENTRE,
BUSAN, REPUBLIC OF KOREA.**

- References:
- A. *IHO Resolution 1/2024 as amended –*
 - B. 4th IHO Assembly Decision 6 - Approval of the proposed Resolution on the IHO Infrastructure Centre.
 - C. 4th IHO Assembly Decision 8 - Approval of the proposed Host agreement between the IHO and the Government of the Republic of Korea.

Dear Hydrographer,

1. Pursuant to Assembly Decisions 6 and 8 of the 4th Session of the Assembly (References B and C refer), the establishment of the IHO Infrastructure Centre marks a historic milestone as the first permanent operational centre established by the IHO outside its Secretariat in Monaco. The Centre represents a significant step forward in enhancing international cooperation and delivering practical support to stakeholders seeking to use and better understand the marine environment.
2. The IHO and the Government of the Republic of Korea are pleased to announce that an inauguration ceremony for the IHO Infrastructure Centre will be held on Tuesday, 10 November 2026, in Busan, Republic of Korea. All Member States are invited to designate their National Hydrographer or another representative to attend. The event will bring together representatives of governments, IHO Member States, international organizations, Regional Hydrographic Commissions, academia, and industry to celebrate the official inauguration of the Centre and the commencement of its operational activities.
3. The event details are as follows:
Date: Tuesday, 10 November 2026
Venue: IHO Infrastructure Centre, 22nd Floor, BIFC II, Busan, Republic of Korea
Format: In-person and online (live streaming)
Languages: English and Korean
4. A detailed programme and practical information regarding participation and logistics will be communicated in due course. Member States are kindly requested to complete their registration via [the link here](#) or the registration page on the IHO Portal by **10 October**, preferably at an early stage, to support the efficient planning and organization of the event.

On behalf of the Secretary-General

Yours sincerely,

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Director