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**MASTER OF SCIENCE PROGRAMME IN HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYING
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI (USA)
SPONSORED BY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

Fourth Course (8 August 2016 - 4 August 2017)

SELECTION OF CANDIDATES

Reference: IHO CL 72/2015 dated 23 September - *Master of Science Programme in Hydrographic Surveying at the University of Southern Mississippi (USA) sponsored by the Republic of Korea - Call for Nominations (Fourth Course)*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. In the above-referenced Circular Letter, the Directing Committee invited the IHO Member States to consider nominating suitable candidates who would benefit from the opportunity offered by the Republic of Korea (ROK) Programme of Technical Cooperation to enrol in the 2016-2017 session of the Category "A" Hydrographic Surveying Programme at the University of Southern Mississippi (USM) in the USA.

2. The IHB received applications from six countries. The Selection Board, comprising representatives from the ROK, the IHB and the USM met on 4 March 2016 at the IHB, Monaco and examined all six applications.

3. **The candidates from Malaysia (Mr Abdul Halim AHMAD NORDIN) and from the Philippines (Mr Gilbert ALVIOLA) were assessed as meeting all of the necessary criteria and were selected for the session that will be held at the USM from 8 August 2016 to 4 August 2017.** Individual notification letters have been sent to the selected applicants with detailed instructions.

4. In accordance with Annex B of the Reference (Timetable for selection of the candidates), selected candidates must submit all the required documentation to the USM in liaison with Mr Maxim F. van Norden, Coordinator of the Hydrographic Science Graduate Degree Programme, Department of Marine Science (e-mail: maxim.vannorden@usm.edu, Tel: +1 228 688 7123, Fax: +1 228 688 1121). Mr van Norden is the principal point of contact at the USM. Selected candidates will then receive detailed logistic information directly from the USM.

5. It is expected that another opportunity for training at USM will be offered in 2017, thanks to the continuing and generous support of the Republic of Korea. The IHO Circular Letter regarding the call for nominations for the next session is planned to be circulated in September 2016. The Directing Committee advises those organizations whose applications were not selected this time, together with other prospective candidates, to begin preparations for next year's applications now. In particular, prospective candidates should ensure that they have all the necessary documentation well in advance, especially the necessary TOEFL / IELTS and GRE scores.

6. The Directing Committee congratulates those candidates who have been selected and thanks the IHO Member States for their interest.

7. The Directing Committee would also like to renew its thanks to the Republic of Korea for its substantial support of the IHO Capacity Building and other programmes.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mustafa IPTES', is centered on the page. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

Mustafa IPTES
Director