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**CIRCULAR LETTER 22/2019**  
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**IHO - NIPPON FOUNDATION CHART PROJECT –  
Successful Nomination of Candidates for the 11<sup>th</sup> Course  
(2 September – 13 December 2019)**

Reference: IHO CL 04/2019 dated 17 January - *IHO Nippon Foundation CHART Project, Call for Applications for 11<sup>th</sup> Course in Marine Cartography and Data Assessment (FIG/IHO/ICA Cat B)*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. IHO Circular Letter 04/2019 invited IHO Member States to nominate candidates who would benefit from the opportunity offered by the IHO - Nippon Foundation CHART (Cartography, Hydrography and Related Training) Project that provides training in Marine Cartography and Data Assessment and is funded by the Nippon Foundation (NF). The course is recognized at the Category B level by the FIG/IHO/ICA International Board on Standards of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors and Nautical Cartographers (IBSC).
2. The IHO Secretariat received 31 applications from 31 IHO Members States.
3. The selection panel, comprising representatives from the Japan Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department (JHOD), the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO) and the IHO Secretariat, met on 11 April 2019 at the IHO Secretariat in Monaco and examined all the applications received.
4. Candidates from
  - **Bangladesh (Mr Shahid MOHAMMAD SHAHID ULLAH),**
  - **Ecuador (Mr Kenneth Albert TALAVERA HIDALGO),**
  - **Estonia (Ms Loore MAGUS),**
  - **Nigeria (Mr Lasisi FATIU ABOLARINWA),**
  - **South Africa (Ms Fhatuwani Joyce NENGWENANI),**
  - **Thailand (Mr Warongrit HONGPRASITH), and**
  - **Trinidad and Tobago (Mr Suruj Rakesh BABWAH)**

were selected to attend the course that will be conducted at the UKHO in Taunton, United Kingdom, from 2 September to 13 December 2019. Individual notification letters will be distributed by the IHO Secretariat with the instructions to be followed by the selected applicants.

5. The selections listed in paragraph 4 are for the nominated personnel only. National authorities may not substitute the selected candidates with any other personnel.
6. It is expected that another CHART course will be available in 2020, thanks to the continuing and generous support of the Nippon Foundation. The IHO Secretariat 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. The IHO Secretariat congratulates those candidates that have been selected to attend.

8. 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 CHART project and its forerunner, the Japan Capacity Building Project, have trained 65 students, almost all of whom are now working in chart production, thereby contributing directly to achieving the IHO's role and objectives. We expect that the selected applicants for this next course will follow the same path.

On behalf of the Secretary-General

Yours sincerely,



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