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**JAPAN CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT AND
SECONDMENT OF PERSONNEL**

Reference : a) CL 92/2007 dated 19 October
b) CL 54/2008 dated 27 June

Dear Hydrographers,

1 The Directing Committee is pleased to announce that it has concluded a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Japan Hydrographic Association (JHA) acting on behalf of the Japan Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department (JHOD) for the implementation of a Capacity Building Project aiming at developing and promoting human capacity building of technical personnel in developing countries, particularly in Asia and its adjacent regions in nautical cartography. The main points of the MoU can be summarized as follows:

- The Nippon Foundation will financially support the Project. Part of the fund provided for the Project, will cover the expenses for the secondment of an Officer from the JHOD to the Bureau in accordance with reference (a), not related to the Project;
- The implementation and management of the Project will be conducted by the IHO/IHB in consultation with the JHA;
- The JHA will inform the Directing Committee at the beginning of each subsequent year on the level of funding. During the current Japanese fiscal year (April 2008 to April 2009) there will be no training activity but appropriate meetings to discuss the details of the Project which will start in the next Japanese fiscal year;
- The MoU will be valid for the period 2008-2013 provided that funds will be available and may be extended;
- The JHA has informed the Directing Committee that they anticipate the annual level of funding to be in the order of 190,000 Euros and an additional 72,000 Euros for the secondment of the Officer to the Bureau;
- The JHA has selected the UKHO as the training provider.

2 A copy of the MoU has been posted on the IHO web site at www.iho.int → *Administration* → *MoU and Agreements*. Paper copies of the MoU can be provided on request. The Directing Committee welcomes any comment that may be considered for the improvement of the MoU. The Directing Committee will keep Member States informed on the details of the execution of this Project.

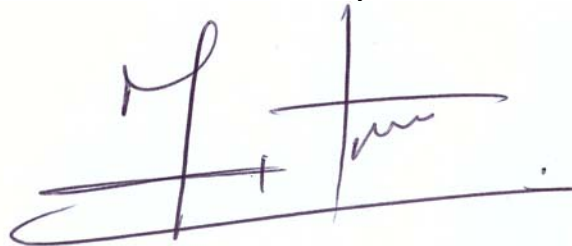
3 The Directing Committee would like to thank the JHOD for the secondment of Mr Shigeru Nakabayashi to the Bureau in accordance with Technical Resolution T4.2. The secondment will start in October 2008 for a period of one year. This may be extended by an additional year subject to the mutual agreement of the Directing Committee, the JHOD and the

seconded. Mr Nakabayashi will be employed primarily on the following tasks which were identified in reference (a):

- Providing GIS support with particular emphasis on the development and implementation of web map server technologies and applications;
- Maintaining the IHO-IOC GEBCO undersea feature names database and program;
- Other tasks assigned by the Directing Committee.

4 The Directing Committee would like to thank Japan for their actions to support the activities and needs of the IHO.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'A. Maratos', written over a light blue rectangular background.

Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS
President