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**CIRCULAR LETTER 27/2009
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**JAPAN CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT
SELECTED CANDIDATES
1st Course in Hydrographic Data Processing and Marine Cartography
UKHO, Taunton, UK, 7 September - 18 December 2009**

Reference: CL 10/2009 dated 13 February.

Dear Hydrographer,

1. In the above-referenced Circular Letter, the IHB invited the IHO Member States to consider nominating one suitable candidate who would benefit from the opportunity offered by the Japan Capacity Building Project to provide training in nautical cartography to technical personnel in developing countries, particularly in Asia and the adjacent regions. The Regional Hydrographic Commission Chairmen were invited to liaise with their Associate Members and Observer countries so that they could also consider applying for this training opportunity.
2. The selection board formed by representatives from the Japan Hydrographic Association (JHA), the Japan Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department (JHOD), the UK Hydrographic Office (UKHO) and the IHB were astonished by the outstanding response received to this call for applications: the IHB received 49 applications from 41 countries.
3. The selection board met on 22 April and examined all the documentation received. The candidates from Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines and Turkey were finally selected for the "Hydrographic Data Processing and Marine Cartography" course that will be run at the UK Hydrographic Office, from 7 September to 18 December 2009. Individual notification letters will be sent by the IHB with the instructions to be followed.
4. It was evident to the members of the selection board that there is a big demand for training that probably could be grouped into four main areas: general hydrographic data acquisition (surveying), hydrographic data processing, nautical chart production (both paper and ENC) and senior hydro-cartographic organization and management. It was agreed that this situation would be discussed at the next Capacity Building Sub-Committee Meeting (Seoul, May, 2009) in order to find an appropriate and viable solution, exploring other opportunities and approaches. It is likely that the Nippon Foundation will continue funding this project for a further 6 trainees each year for the next three years, but due to the high demand, other alternatives must be explored.
5. The IHB would like to congratulate those candidates selected, to thank the IHO Member States and non-Member States for their great interest and to reiterate the need to consider a regional approach

in identifying innovative ways to meet the huge demand for training that the hydrographic community has.

6. Finally the IHB would like to thank the JHA, JHOD and the UKHO , as well as the Nippon Foundation for the successful start of the Japan Capacity Building Program, a valuable contribution to the IHO's role and objectives.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized capital 'G' followed by a smaller capital 'L' and a final flourish.

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