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**JAPAN CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT
SELECTED CANDIDATES
2nd Course in Hydrographic Data Processing and Marine Cartography
UKHO, Taunton, UK, 06 September - 17 December 2010
(Funded by the Nippon Foundation)**

Reference: CL 15/2010 dated 08 February.

Dear Hydrographer,

1. In the above-referenced Circular Letter, the IHB invited the IHO Member States to consider nominating suitable candidates who would benefit from the opportunity offered by the Japan Capacity Building Project - funded by the Nippon Foundation - to provide training in Hydrographic Data Processing and Marine Cartography, including specialism in the Electronic Navigational Chart, to technical personnel in developing countries, particularly in Asia and 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, was astonished by the outstanding response to this call for applications: the IHB received 39 applications from 37 countries.
3. The selection board met on 16 April and examined all the documentation received. The candidates from Latvia, New Zealand, Thailand, Ukraine, Uruguay and Vietnam were finally selected for the course that will be run at the UK Hydrographic Office, from 06 September to 17 December 2010. Individual notification letters are being sent by the IHB with the instructions to be followed by the selected applicants.
4. It was evident to the members of the selection board that there is a big demand for training in the area covered by this course. Probably these needs could be grouped into two main areas: general hydrographic data processing (Module 1) jointly with nautical chart production (Module 2), and separated from ENC production (Module 3). This suggestion was passed on to the Nippon Foundation and it is likely that, in 2011, there will be two different calls, one for modules 1 and 2 and a second call for module 3 of the course. It is likely that the Nippon Foundation will continue funding this project for a further 6 trainees each year for the next two years.
5. The selection board found that several applicants already had considerable experience in the field covered by the course and it was felt that it would not be useful for them to attend another course with a similar content to those already attended. In other cases, the board considered that this training was not

adapted as the actual possibility of the applicants becoming involved in ENC production was null. Another factor taken into account was that some applicants were at a senior level and much more involved in strategic and administrative issues than in hands-on chart production. Nevertheless organizations whose applicants have not been selected this time round are kindly invited to keep abreast of the future opportunities offered, particularly in their regions, for which calls will be made as and when appropriate.

6. In this regard, this year it is planned to deliver a 2-week Regional Hydrographic Survey and Introduction to Chart Production course in the region of the South West Pacific Hydrographic Commission and a 2-week Regional Training Course on Basic ENC and ENC Production in the region of the Meso-American-Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission. Similar courses are programmed in 2011 in Africa. Also it is worth mentioning that efforts are being made to organize a second course on the first module of Cat. B Marine Cartography at the UKHO facilities late this year or early 2011, funded with resources saved by the IHB in the 2009 financial year.

7. The IHB would like to congratulate the selected candidates, thank the IHO Member States and non-Member States for their keen interest and reiterate the need to consider a regional approach in identifying innovative ways to meet the huge demand for training that exists within the hydrographic community.

8. Finally, the IHB would like to thank the JHA, JHOD and the UKHO, as well as the Nippon Foundation, for the successful start to the Japan Capacity Building Program, where 5 trainees out of the 6 who graduated in December 2009 are working in chart production, contributing to the IHO's role and objectives. We also expect that the selected applicants will follow the same path.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Hugo Gorziglia', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Captain Hugo GORZIGLIA
Director