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**CIRCULAR LETTER 29/2011
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**JAPAN CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT - SELECTED CANDIDATES
3rd Course in Hydrographic Data Processing and Marine Cartography,
Including specialism in Electronic Navigational Chart.
UKHO, Taunton, UK, 05 September - 16 December 2011
(Funded by Nippon Foundation)**

Reference: CL 14/2011 dated 10 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 - funded by the Nippon Foundation-, to provide training in Hydrographic Data Processing and Marine Cartography, including specialism in Electronic Navigational Chart 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 was again surprised by the high consideration given to this invitation as the IHB received 21 applications coming from 19 countries.

3 The selection board met on 19 April and examined all the documentation received. The candidates from Bangladesh, Indonesia, Mexico, Oman, Pakistan and Philippines were finally selected for the course that will be run at the UK Hydrographic Office, from 05 September to 16 December 2011. Individual notification letters are being sent by the IHB with the instructions to be followed by selected applicants.

4 It remains evident to the members of the selection board that there is still a big demand for training in the area covered by this course and that it is highly probable that it might continue for at least two more calls, in 2012 and 2013, thanks to the kind support of the Nippon Foundation. This would mean that within a period of 5 years (2009-2013) a group of thirty persons would have attended a Cat B Course on Nautical Cartography.

5 The selection board would like to invite organizations whose applicants have not been selected this time round, to keep abreast of the future opportunities. In this regard, this year it is planned to deliver a 2-week Regional Training Course on Basic ENC and ENC Production for countries in the EAthC; NIOHC and SAIHC regions. The same course is planned for the MACHC region in 2012 and for the SWPHC and again for the EAthC; NIOHC and SAIHC in 2013, all with the potential support of the IMO. It is worth mentioning that efforts are being made by the IHB to allocate resources to deliver a third course on the first module of Cat B Marine Cartography at the UKHO facilities in 2012.

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

7 Finally the IHB would like to thank the JHA, JHOD and the UKHO, as well as the Nippon Foundation, for the successful results so far obtained in the previous courses. The Japan Capacity Building Program has so far awarded 12 graduates of which 11 are working in Chart production, contributing to the IHO's role and objectives. We also expect that the selected applicants will follow in 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.

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