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**CIRCULAR LETTER 16/2012
08 February 2012**

JAPAN CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT
4th Course in Hydrographic Data Processing and Marine Cartography,
including specialism in Electronic Navigational Chart.
UKHO, Taunton, UK, 03 September – 14 December 2012
*(Recognized at Category B by the FIG-IHO-ICA International Board on Standards
of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors and Nautical Cartographers)*

References: a) CL 77/2008 dated 02 October.
b) CL 14/2011 dated 10 February.
c) CL 29/2011 dated 26 April.

Dear Hydrographer,

1. Through the Circular Letter in reference a), IHO Member States were informed that the IHB had 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 - the Japan Capacity Building Project - aimed at developing and promoting human capacity building of technical personnel in nautical cartography in developing countries, particularly in Asia and its adjacent regions. The Circular Letters in references b) and c) provided information on the 3rd Course that was successfully completed on 16 December 2011.
2. The IHB has now been informed by the JHA that the Nippon Foundation (NF) has made resources available to implement the project for the 2012 Japanese fiscal year. In order to agree on the details and content of the Circular Letter announcing the 4th Course, a coordination meeting was held on 06/07 February at the UKHO, with the participation of JHA, JHOD, UKHO and the IHB.
3. The course title is "Hydrographic Data Processing and Marine Cartography including specialism in Electronic Navigational Chart (ENC)" and will be run at the UK Hydrographic Office, from 03 September to 14 December 2012. The course programme includes three modules of 5 weeks each, the summary of which is given in Annex I.
4. Up to 6 trainees will be considered for financing. The support provided by the NF will cover course fees, travel to and from the respective countries, accommodation and a reasonable living allowance.
5. IHO Member States are kindly invited to consider nominating **ONE suitable candidate** who would benefit from this training. The Chairmen of Regional Hydrographic Commissions are invited to pass on this information to their Associate and Observer Members so that they can also consider applying for this training opportunity.

6. The Application Form (Annex II) should be received at the following address by **Tuesday, 10 April 2012 at 08:00 UT**:

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The IHB, jointly with JHA and the UKHO, will select those candidates they feel would benefit from this training. The selected candidates will be informed of their selection no later than **23 April 2012**.

7. It is essential that candidates are employed by the hydrographic office, the port authority or a related national agency of their country. The nomination must be originated by the employer and should include a statement specifying that the candidate **IS OR WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE PRODUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF NAVIGATIONAL CHARTS – PAPER AND ENC - AND ONCE THE TRAINING HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED, HE/SHE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK IN THIS FIELD.**

8. The authority nominating candidates should carefully choose the nominee and ensure that opportunities will be in place for the individual to transfer the learning undertaken in a structured manner. This will ensure that the individual and his organization gain full benefit.

9. Nominated candidates should meet the following criteria:

- A very good standard of English, both written and spoken, with reasonable technical English.
- A high standard in mathematics and geography.
- Background in cartography or hydrographic surveying.

10. Selected candidates will receive detailed logistic information directly from the UKHO Training Team.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'H. GORZIGLIA', written over a light blue circular stamp.

Captain Hugo GORZIGLIA
Director

Annex I – Summary of the Programme.

Annex II – Application Form.

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SUMMARY OF THE COURSE PROGRAMME

The course is composed of modules. The Modules are: Marine Cartography, Hydrographic Data Processing and Electronic Navigational Charts (ENC). Each module is of 5 weeks duration and the contents are as follows:

MODULE 1 – MARINE CARTOGRAPHY.

A practical introduction to marine cartography and chart construction. This module is recognized as part of the FIG–IHO–ICA Category B Certificate in Nautical Cartography.

The navigational chart
The navigational chart – its role and purpose
The navigational chart – History and Development
Type of chart and chart user
Chart projections and grids
Horizontal datums
Vertical datums
Accuracy, precision and reliability
Chart scheming
International and national organizations
Linear scales
Latitude and longitude
Compass roses; magnetic variation
Bearing and distance
Navigational aids
IALA Buoyage System
Lights; radio aids
Chart symbols
Chart text and type styles
Chart topography
Chart Specifications
Verification procedures
Generalisation
Scaling methods
Introduction to surveying
Depths – units; selection; contouring
Navigational Dangers; Nature of seabed
Tidal theory
Quality management system
Chart Compilation; vector capture
Intellectual property
Printing and finishing
Network operating systems

MODULE 2 HYDROGRAPHIC DATA PROCESSING.

A practical introduction to hydrographic data processing, data assessment and resulting chart maintenance. This module is recognized as part of the FIG-IHO-ICA Category B Certificate in Nautical Cartography.

Introduction to source data
Accuracy of source data
Source material
Source diagrams
CATZOC
Data assessment
Chart maintenance – the need
Notice to Mariners; Notice to Mariners Blocks
Foreign Government Charts
Routing; Law of the Sea
Hydrographic Databases
New Edition procedures and processes
Raster data; file management
Multibeam; SIPS
Oceanographic data
Archiving and retrieving source information

MODULE 3 ELECTRONIC NAVIGATIONAL CHARTS (ENC).

A highly practical introduction to the Electronic Navigational Chart (ENC), international standards for ENC, and the production and maintenance of ENC data. This module is recognized as part of the FIG-IHO-ICA Category B Certificate in Nautical Cartography.

What is an ENC? History and Development of ENCs
Introduction to GIS
Overview of S-57
Objects and attributes; polygons; topology
ENC Product Specification
Mandatory attributes; META objects; TXT and PICREP files
Object Catalogue; Attribute Catalogue; Use of the Object Catalogue; Data Capture Specifications
Usage bands
Distribution of ENCs; RENCs
New Cell capture
SCAMIN; CATZOC
Lights and Light Supports
ENC Quality Procedures
Consistency of ENCs
Positional accuracy
Magnetic Variation
ENC Updates
New Editions
Edge matching
Verification and validation
ECDIS; S-52
S-100; Future developments

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APPLICATION FORM

1. FAMILY NAME

FIRST NAME

NATIONALITY.....

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

2. Mailing Address

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Telephone

Fax

E-mail

Note: *Reliable fax numbers and e-mail addresses are MANDATORY and VITAL for further communications.*

3. Present position and description of duties

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4. Brief description of candidate's past experience in hydrography and cartography

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5. Candidate's future plans for work in the Production and Maintenance of Navigational Charts – Paper Charts and ENC:

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Nominee's signature

STATEMENT

The Hydrographer of (or appropriate authority) endorses this application and accepts the conditions that apply.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Attachment: Curriculum Vitae of Candidate (mandatory).