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**CIRCULAR LETTER 46/2012
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**JAPAN CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT - SELECTED CANDIDATES
4th Course in Hydrographic Data Processing and Marine Cartography,
including specialism in Electronic Navigational Chart.
UKHO, Taunton, UK, 03 September – 14 December 2012
(Funded by the Nippon Foundation)**

Reference: CL 16/2012 dated 08 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 from 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 interest raised by this invitation, as the IHB received 30 applications from 27 countries.
3. The selection board met on 19 April and examined all the documentation received. The candidates from Colombia, Greece, Malaysia, Mozambique, Sri Lanka and Vietnam were finally selected for the course that will be run at the UK Hydrographic Office, from 03 September to 14 December 2012. Individual notification letters are being sent by the IHB with the instructions to be followed by selected applicants.
4. It continues to be 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, for that reason, it is highly probable that the course will also be run in 2013, thanks to the kind support of the Nippon Foundation. A complete report is being prepared by the JHA in order to seek the support of the Nippon Foundation for the continuation of this initiative in the years to come.
5. The selection board would like to invite organizations whose applicants have not been selected this time, to keep abreast of the future opportunities. It is worth mentioning that efforts are being made by the IHB to allocate resources to deliver similar courses.

6. The IHB would like to congratulate those candidates selected, 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 exists within 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 Project has so far trained 18 students, 17 of whom 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, consisting of a large, stylized 'H' followed by a smaller 'G' and a final flourish.

Captain Hugo GORZIGLIA
Director