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**JAPAN CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT
5th Course in Hydrographic Data Processing and Marine Cartography,
including specialism in Electronic Navigational Chart.
UKHO, Taunton, UK, 02 September – 13 December 2013**

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of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors and Nautical Cartographers)*

Reference: CL 10/2013 dated 07 February- *Japan Capacity Building Project - 5th Course in Hydrographic Data Processing and Marine Cartography, including specialism in Electronic Navigational Chart. UKHO, Taunton, UK, 02 September - 13 December 2013.*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. In the above-referenced Circular Letter, the Directing Committee 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. The Chairs of Regional Hydrographic Commissions were invited to liaise with their Associate Members and Observer countries so that they could also consider applying for this training opportunity.
2. The IHB received 33 applications from 27 countries for this particular course. The selection board, comprising representatives from the Japan Hydrographic Association (JHA), the Japan Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department (JHOD), the UK Hydrographic Office (UKHO) and the IHB met on 18 April 2013 and examined all the applications received.
3. The candidates from Algeria, Bulgaria, Indonesia, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka and Thailand were finally selected for the course that will take place at the UK Hydrographic Office, from 2 September to 13 December 2013. Individual notification letters are being sent by the IHB with the instructions to be followed by the selected applicants.
4. It is a fact that there is still a big demand for the training covered by the course and, for that reason, it is likely that it will be run again in 2014, thanks to the continuing and generous support of the Nippon Foundation.
5. The Directing Committee advises those organizations, whose applicants have not been selected this time, to keep abreast of the future opportunities. It is worth mentioning that the Directing Committee is also continuing to seek additional resources to enable similar courses to be delivered through new funding.

6. The Directing Committee congratulates those candidates who have been selected and thanks the IHO Member States and non-Member States for their interest. The DC would also like to re-emphasize the need to consider a regional approach in identifying innovative ways to meet the on-going and urgent demand for training that exists within the hydrographic community.

7. Finally, the Directing Committee would like to thank the JHA, JHOD, UKHO, and particularly the Nippon Foundation, for the successful results obtained so far in this project. To date, the Japan Capacity Building Project has trained 24 students, almost all of whom are working in chart production, thereby contributing to achieving the IHO's role and objectives. We expect that the selected applicants for this next course will follow the same path.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,



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