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REPUBLIC OF KOREA CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT

Category “A” Hydrographic Training 2013-14 - Announcement of Selected Candidates

Reference: CL 25/2013 dated 22 March - *Category “A” Hydrography Programme sponsored by the Republic of Korea - Urgent Call for Nominations*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. In the above-referenced Circular Letter, the Directing Committee invited IHO Member States to consider nominating one suitable candidate who would benefit from the opportunity offered by the Republic of Korea Capacity Building Project to enrol in the Category “A” hydrographic surveying programme at the University of Southern Mississippi (USM) in the USA from 7 August 2013 to 8 August 2014.
2. The IHB has received 23 applications from 20 countries. However, due to the short notice, many of the applications did not provide all the required documentation such as the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or IELTS (The International English Language Testing System) scores. The TOEFL or IELTS score are an important prerequisite for the course.
3. A selection board, comprising representatives from the Korea Hydrographic and Oceanographic Administration (KHOA) and the IHB has met via teleconference and examined all the applications received. As a result, the nominees from **Bangladesh** (Mohammad Minhaz UDDIN), **Mauritius** (Hembal TECKMUN), **Nigeria** (Ismail Bature GAMBO), **Papua New Guinea** (Rhonda AMOS) and **Thailand** (Kritsada INNUM) were selected for the Category “A” Programme, subject to final approval by the USM. Individual notification letters are being sent by the IHB with instructions to be followed by the selected candidates.
4. The selected candidates are required to submit their documentation as soon as possible to the USM at: “<https://usmgrad.admissionpros.com/default.asp>”. All documentation, including the TOEFL or IELTS scores, must be submitted **no later than 30 June 2013** after which date the USM will provide detailed logistic information, including eligibility documents to obtain an “F-1 Student Visa”.
5. The selected candidates are required to take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) test before enrolling. Those selected candidates that cannot take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) test in their home country because of the short notice, will have the opportunity to take the GRE test at the main campus of the USM in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, on 30 July 2013. Accordingly, and for administrative purposes, **all selected candidates must therefore be present at the USM on Monday, 29 July 2013.**

6. Mr. Maxim F. VAN NORDEN, Director, Hydrographic Science Graduate Degree Program, Department of Marine Science, (e-mail: maxim.vannorden@usm.edu, tel: 1+228-688-7123, fax: 1+228-688-1121) at the USM is the principal Point of Contact (POC) for coordinating the education programme. Selected candidates should coordinate all details of their application, administration and preparation of the programme with Mr. VAN NORDEN.

7. The number of applicants received confirms that there is a strong demand for Category “A” education and, for that reason, it is likely that the programme will run again in 2014, thanks to the continuous and generous support of the Republic of Korea. The Directing Committee advises those organizations whose applicants were not selected on this occasion, to be prepared for future opportunities. In particular, nominees must be prepared to submit all documentation well in advance including academic background, TOEFL/IELTS and GRE test scores.

8. The Directing Committee congratulates those candidates that have been selected and thanks the IHO Member States for their interest. The Directing Committee would also like to reiterate its appreciation to the Republic of Korea for its generous support of the IHO’s role and objectives.

9. The Directing Committee is also continuing to seek additional resources to enable similar courses to be delivered through new funding.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,



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Director