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**MASTER OF SCIENCE PROGRAMME IN HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYING
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI (USA) SPONSORED BY
THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA – SELECTION OF CANDIDATES**

Second Course (1 August 2014 - 1 August 2015)

Reference: IHO CL 66/2013 dated 13 November - *Master Of Science Programme in Hydrographic Surveying at the University of Southern Mississippi (USA) sponsored by the Republic of Korea - Call For Nominations*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. In the above-referenced Circular Letter, the Directing Committee invited the IHO Member States to consider nominating suitable candidates who would benefit from the opportunity offered by the Republic of Korea Capacity Building Project to enrol in the 2014-2015 session of the Category “A” Hydrographic Surveying programme at the University of Southern Mississippi (USM) in the USA.
2. The IHB received applications from six countries. The Selection Board, comprising representatives from the Korea Hydrographic and Oceanographic Administration (KHOA), the IHB and the USM met on 4 March 2014 at the IHB and examined all six applications.
3. The candidates from **Nigeria (Mr Uchekukwu Kelechi Erege)**, **Philippines (Mr Maylord de Chavez)** and **Bangladesh (Mr Imtiaz Shaikh Bin Firoz)** were selected for the session that be held at the USM from 1 August 2014 to 1 August 2015. Individual notification letters have been sent to the selected applicants with detailed instructions.
4. In accordance with Annex B of the Reference (Timetable for selection of the candidates), selected candidates must submit all the required documentation to the USM in liaison with Mr Maxim F. van Norden, Coordinator of the Hydrographic Science Graduate Degree Programme, Department of Marine Science (e-mail: maxim.vannorden@usm.edu, tel: 1+228 688 7123, fax: 1+228 688 1121). Mr van Norden is the principal point of contact at the USM. Selected candidates will then receive detailed logistic information directly from the USM.
5. The Selection Board nominated **Mr Veerapen Kesaven** from **Mauritius** as a reserve candidate, subject to the submission of an acceptable TOEFL or IELTS test score no later than 20 April 2014 and final confirmation by the Programme Coordinator.

6. It is expected that another opportunity for training at USM will be offered in 2015, thanks to the continuing and generous support of the Republic of Korea. The Directing Committee advises those organizations whose applications were not selected this time, together with other prospective candidates, to begin preparations for next year's applications now. In particular, prospective candidates should ensure that they have all the necessary documentation well in advance, especially the necessary TOEFL / IELTS and GRE scores.

7. The Directing Committee congratulates those candidates who have been selected and thanks the IHO Member States for their interest.

8. The Directing Committee would also like to renew its thanks to the Republic of Korea for its substantial support of the IHO Capacity Building and other programmes.

On behalf of the Directing Committee

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mustafa IPTES', is centered on the page. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial 'M'.

Mustafa IPTES
Director