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**IHO - NIPPON FOUNDATION CHART PROJECT –  
Successful Candidates for the 7<sup>th</sup> Course  
(7 September – 18 December 2015)**

Reference: IHO CL 10/2015 dated 28 January - *IHO - NIPPON FOUNDATION CHART PROJECT  
Call for Applications for 7<sup>th</sup> Course in Marine Cartography and Data Assessment (Category B)*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. In the above-referenced Circular Letter, the IHB Directing Committee invited IHO Member States to consider nominating candidates who would benefit from the opportunity offered by the IHO – Nippon Foundation CHART (Cartography, Hydrography and Related Training) Project – funded by the Nippon Foundation (NF) – to provide training in Marine Cartography and Data Assessment. The course is recognized at the Category B level by the FIG-IHO-ICA International Board on Standards of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors and Nautical Cartographers (IBSC).
2. The IHB received 28 applications from 27 countries, including both IHO Members States (22) and non-Member States (5).
3. The selection panel comprising representatives from the Japan Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department (JHOD), the UK Hydrographic Office (UKHO) and the IHB met on 16 and 17 April and examined all the applications received.
4. The candidates from **Egypt (Mr. Hassan EL HALAWANY)**, **Estonia (Ms. Nele SAVI)**, **Fiji (Mr. Abel Philip Ronald LAGIVOLA)**, **Indonesia (Mr. Gede YUSSUPIARTHA SAS TANGEB)**, **Montenegro (Mr. Radovan KANDIC)**, **Myanmar (Mr. Soe Nyunt THAW)** and **Tunisia (Mr. Wael BEDOUI)** were selected for the course that will be conducted at the UKHO from 7 September to 18 December 2015. Individual notification letters are being sent by the IHB with the instructions to be followed by the selected applicants.
5. **The above selections are for the nominated personnel only. National authorities may not substitute the selected candidates with other personnel.**
6. The 5<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference approved a revised IHO Capacity Building Strategy that limits capacity building support to non-IHO Member States to Phase I (training related to Maritime Safety Information) and thus only applicants from Member States of the IHO were selected for this course.
7. Thanks to the continued and generous support of the Nippon Foundation, another CHART course will be conducted in 2016. The Directing Committee advises those organizations whose applicants have not been selected this time to consider re-nominating those candidates that continue to merit support when the next call for nominations is published.
8. The Directing Committee congratulates those candidates that have been selected.

9. Finally, the Directing Committee would like to thank the JHOD, UKHO, and particularly the Nippon Foundation, for the successful results obtained so far. To date, the IHO-NF CHART Project and its forerunner, the Japan Capacity Building Project, have trained 37 students, almost all of whom are now 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,

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'.

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Director