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**IHO - NIPPON FOUNDATION CHART PROJECT –
Successful Candidates for the 8th Course
(5 September – 16 December 2016)**

Reference: IHO CL 04/2016 dated 20 January - *IHO - Nippon Foundation CHART Project Call for Applications for 8th Course in Marine Cartography and Data Assessment (FIG/IHO/ICA Category B)*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. IHO Circular Letter 04/2016 (see Reference) 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 32 applications from 28 IHO Members States and one non-Member State.
3. The selection panel comprising representatives from the Japan Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department (JHOD), the UK Hydrographic Office (UKHO) and the IHB met on 19 April and examined all the applications received.
4. The 5th Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference approved a revised IHO Capacity Building Strategy that limits capacity building support to non-IHO Member States to Phase 1 (training related to Maritime Safety Information) and thus only applicants from Member States of the IHO were considered for selection for this course.
5. The candidates from Bangladesh (Mr Jobayar S M RAHAT), Colombia (Mr Lizardo CARO MARTINEZ), Cuba (Ms Ismari Teresa CONSUEGRA ALVAREZ), Georgia (Ms Manana KIRTADZE), Latvia (Ms Liva GOBA), Philippines (Mr Mark Neil Demetrio A. QUODALA) and Viet Nam (Mr Nguyen MANH DUONG) were selected for the course that will be conducted at the UKHO from 5 September to 16 December 2016. Individual notification letters are being sent by the IHB with the instructions to be followed by the selected applicants.
6. The above selections are for the nominated personnel only. National authorities may not substitute the selected candidates with other personnel.
7. It is likely that another CHART course will be run again in 2017, thanks to the continuing and generous support of the Nippon Foundation. 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 44 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,



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