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**IHO - NIPPON FOUNDATION CHART PROJECT –  
Successful Candidates for the 9<sup>th</sup> Course  
(4 September – 15 December 2017)**

Reference: IHO CL 04/2017 dated 13 January - *IHO - Nippon Foundation CHART Project, Call for Applications for 9<sup>th</sup> Course in Marine Cartography and Data Assessment (FIG/IHO/ICA Category B)*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. IHO Circular Letter 04/2017 (see Reference) invited IHO Member States to nominate candidates who would benefit from the opportunity offered by the IHO - Nippon Foundation CHART (Cartography, Hydrography and Related Training) Project that provides training in Marine Cartography and Data Assessment, and is funded by the Nippon Foundation (NF). 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 IHO Secretariat received 33 applications from 29 IHO Members States.
3. The selection panel comprising representatives from the Japan Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department (JHOD), the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO) and the IHO Secretariat met on 30 March 2017 at the IHO Headquarters in Monaco and examined all the applications received.
4. Candidates from Algeria (Mr Abderrahim MAHI), Ecuador (Mr Byron Andrés JARA BAUTISTA), Fiji (Mr Kelepi BAINIVALU), Malaysia (Mr Muhammad Aizat AZMI), Thailand (Mr Aree HWANLABEH), Ukraine (Ms Yuliia NEZHURENKO), and Venezuela (Mr Daniel Alberto ROJAS CONTRERAS) were selected for the course that will be conducted at the UKHO in Taunton, United Kingdom from 4 September to 15 December 2017. Individual notification letters will be distributed by the IHO Secretariat with the instructions to be followed by the selected applicants.
5. The selections listed in paragraph 4 are for the nominated personnel only. National authorities may not substitute the selected candidates with any other personnel.
6. It is likely that another CHART course will be available in 2018, thanks to the continuing and generous support of the Nippon Foundation. The IHO Secretariat 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.
7. The IHO Secretariat congratulates those candidates that have been selected.
8. Finally, the IHO Secretariat 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 51 students, almost all of whom are now working in chart production, thereby contributing directly 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 Secretary-General  
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mustafa IPTES', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mustafa IPTES  
Director