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**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HYDROGRAPHIC SCIENCE
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI (USA)
SPONSORED BY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

Seventh Course (12 August 2019 - 3 August 2020)

SELECTION OF CANDIDATES

Reference: IHO CL 48/2018 dated 4 October - *Master of Science Programme in Hydrographic Surveying at the University of Southern Mississippi (USA) sponsored by the Republic of Korea - Call for Nominations (Seventh Course)*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. In the above-referenced Circular Letter, the IHO Secretariat invited the IHO Member States to consider nominating suitable candidates who would benefit from the opportunity offered by the Republic of Korea (ROK) Programme of Technical Cooperation to enrol in the 2019-2020 session of the Category "A" Master of Science in Hydrographic Science at the University of Southern Mississippi (USM), USA.
2. The IHO Secretariat received applications from 12 countries. The Selection Board, comprising representatives from the Republic of Korea, the IHO Secretariat and the USM met on 12 March 2019 at the Korea Hydrographic and Oceanographic Agency (KHOA) and examined all 12 applications. The budget allocation from the Korean fund to sponsor the training for this session will be available for two students.
3. **The candidates from Mexico (Mr Adrian MONTUFAR ARROYO) and from Tunisia (Mr Rami LAMOUCI) were assessed as meeting all of the necessary criteria and were selected for the session that will be held at the USM from 12 August 2019 (reporting date) to 3 August 2020 (departure date).** Individual notification letters have been sent to the selected applicants with detailed instructions. The candidate from Jamaica (Mr Diego Billings) is the reserve candidate.
4. In accordance with Annex B of the Reference (Timetable for selection of the candidates), the 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. The selected candidates will receive detailed logistic information directly from the USM.
5. It is expected that another opportunity for training at USM will be offered in 2020, thanks to the continuing and generous support of the Republic of Korea. The IHO Circular Letter regarding the call for nominations for the next session is planned to be circulated in September 2019. The Secretariat 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.

6. The IHO Secretariat congratulates the candidates who have been selected and thanks the IHO Member States for their interest.

7. The IHO Secretariat 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 Secretary-General

Yours sincerely,



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Director