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**PROJET DE FORMATION DES NATIONS UNIES ET DE LA NIPPON FOUNDATION
CONCERNANT LE DROIT DE LA MER**

Monsieur le Directeur,

Le BHI a reçu une lettre des Nations Unies (jointe en annexe à la présente) demandant notre participation, comme il convient, au projet « UN – Nippon Foundation of Japan » qui vise à assurer un renforcement des capacités en ce qui concerne les compétences associées à la Convention des Nations Unies sur le droit de la mer (UNCLOS). Bien que votre gouvernement ait également reçu la même requête, je vous adresse ce courrier, au cas où ce dernier ne vous serait pas parvenu, et où vous seriez intéressé par ce projet.

Bien que d'avis que le BHI a, dans une mesure très limitée, le potentiel de participer au projet en tant qu'organisation assurant la formation, après l'obtention de bourses d'étude initiales, le Bureau ne dispose actuellement pas des ressources suffisantes pour assurer cette formation. Il se peut toutefois que les Services hydrographiques de nos Etats membres disposent des compétences et des ressources nécessaires pour assurer un environnement significatif pour cette formation. Si vous pensez correspondre à ces critères, vous pouvez répondre soit par le biais de votre gouvernement, soit par le biais du BHI. Si vous répondez par l'intermédiaire de votre gouvernement, il serait utile pour la visibilité de l'OHI que vous précisiez quels sont vos liens avec l'OHI, en faisant parvenir une copie de votre réponse au BHI.

Dans l'intervalle, le BHI répondra aux NU que cette question a été portée à l'attention des Etats membres de l'OHI et que pour pouvoir répondre favorablement à cette demande de participation, il convient d'attendre les réponses des EM. Nous vous remercions de l'attention que vous voudrez bien accorder à cette question.

Veillez agréer, Monsieur le Directeur, l'assurance de ma haute considération,

Pour le Comité de direction,

Contre-amiral Kenneth BARBOR
Directeur

PJ : lettre des NU (*en anglais seulement*).

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Dear Rear Admiral Barbor,

I am pleased to inform you that on 22 April 2004, the United Nations and The Nippon Foundation of Japan concluded a trust fund project agreement to provide capacity-building and human resource development to developing coastal States Parties and non-Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) through academic and fellowship opportunities. In this connection, I wish to invite your institution to participate in the Project.

Firstly, I should explain that the Project's objective is to provide advanced education and training in the field of ocean affairs and the law of the sea or related disciplines to Government officials and other mid-level professionals, between ages 25 to 35 and possessing a first university degree, from developing coastal States so that they may obtain the necessary skills to assist their countries to formulate comprehensive ocean policy and to implement the legal regime set out in UNCLOS. The fellows are to focus on acquiring knowledge of UNCLOS and other related international instruments on ocean affairs and the law of the sea adopted at the global or regional level, especially their implementation and enforcement at the national level, as well as the building of national capacities in this regard. It is expected that upon completion of their research/training, fellows will have advanced awareness and understanding of key issues and best international practices in ocean affairs management, including enhanced professional and managerial capacities and competencies. The fellows are expected to return to Government service and use their experience to assist with the effective implementation of UNCLOS.

Secondly, you should know that the Selection Committee established under the Project will review applications and select candidates who will be awarded Project fellowships. Only 10 fellowships will be awarded per annum under the Project for the first two years.

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Thirdly, the research, training and acquisition of specialized experience will be implemented at a university or research institution affiliated with the Project that has in-depth competence and expertise in relevant fields. The fellows will undertake from three to six months, maximum, of research at such universities or institutions. Research topics will be chosen by the fellow, reviewed by the Selection Committee and approved by the supervising professor.

Lastly, after completing the research part of the fellowship, fellows will undertake a three-month training at the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS), Office of Legal Affairs, or at an intergovernmental agency or organization competent in the chosen field.

Accordingly, I am extending an invitation to your institution to be associated with the Project. This would be a unique opportunity to be involved actively in the capacity-building of developing States. The basis for association with the Project is that the institution concerned would accommodate a fellow and provide facilities for advanced study and research at the post-graduate level for a 3-6 month period without the levy of fees or tuition charges and, if possibly, to provide living accommodations free of charge. If such an arrangement is acceptable to you, then the International Hydrographic Bureau will be included in our list of participating institutions commencing with the initial 2004-2005 fellowships we hope to award by early next year.

Thanking you very much for your prompt attention to this matter, I am,

Yours sincerely,



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