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To all NIOHC Member States

INVITATION TO XIVTH NORTH INDIAN OCEAN HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION (NIOHC) CONFERENCE

1. As agreed at the 13th NIOHC Conference that Thailand would host the 14th NIOHC Conference. The Chairman's Office is very pleased to announce that the 14th NIOHC Conference would be held at the Hydrographic Department, Royal Thai Navy (HDRTN), Bangkok, Thailand, during **26 – 28 February 2014**. The Conference's Draft Agenda is attached herewith as Annex A of this circular letter. Member States are invited to review and return comment (s), if any, to the Chairman's Office by **6 December 2013**, in order to allow, in accordance with Article 8 b) of the Statutes, the Chairman's Office its preparedness before the Provisional Agenda should be forwarded to the Participants by **1 January 2014**.

2. Block reservation has been made with the Brighton Hotel, as the participants' accommodation, which is located around 2 kms nearby the Conference venue. HDRTN will provide transportation to and from the Conference venue and the hotel on daily basis. For further details, please consult the Logistic Information, attached herewith as Annex B of this Circular Letter. Participants who decide to stay in the hotel other than the Brighton may proceed by themselves and keep the host informed.

3. Participants are requested to fill in the registration form, attached herewith as Annex C of this circular letter, and return the form to Chairman's Office by **15 January 2014**. Some information may be informed later upon decided.

5. I hope you would be able to make your itinerary program to attend the Conference and look forward to seeing you all in Bangkok, Thailand.

Yours sincerely,

Vice Admiral Witoon Tantigun
Chairman, North Indian Ocean Hydrographic Commission

14TH NORTH INDIAN OCEAN HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION CONFERENCE
26 – 28 FEBRUARY 2014
HYDROGRAPHIC DEPARTMENT, BANGKOK, THAILAND

DRAFT AGENDA (17 Oct 13)

1. Opening
 - 1.1. Opening Remarks by the Chairman
 - 1.2. Opening Remarks by Director IHB
 - 1.3. Address by Chief Guest
2. Approval of Agenda and Timetable
3. List of Documents
4. Administrative Arrangements
5. 13th NIOHC Minutes Approval
6. 13th NIOHC Actions List Review

No.	Agenda Item	13 th NIOHC Action	Action By	Date	Status
1	4.1	Encourage non-MS for membership	All concerned	On going	
2	7.1.5	Update S-11	INT Coordinator	30 Apr 13	
3	7.2	Submit revised CBSC Proposals	CB Coordinator	01 Apr 13	
4	10	MS to update C-55 regularly	All concerned	15 Jun 13	Only change if any
5	11	IHB visit to Maldives and Seychelles	IHB	-	
6	12	Include VIMSAS as agenda item at 14 th NIOHC	Chair	14 th NIOHC	
7	13.2	Include RENC presentation in 14 th NIOHC	Chair	14 th NIOHC	
8	13.3	Include WEND-WG presentation in 14 th NIOHC	Chair	01 Apr 13	

7. NIOHC Statutes
 - 7.1. NIOHC Membership Applications
8. IHO / IHB Matters
 - 8.1. Technical visit to Maldives and Seychelles
 - 8.2. Encouragement of non-MS for membership

9. National Reports – Bangladesh, Egypt, India, Myanmar, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Kingdom, France, Oman, Mauritius, Pakistan, Seychelles, USA and Malaysia
10. NIOHC Committees, Working Groups, and Commission Representatives Reports
 - 10.1. North Indian Ocean International Charting Coordination Working Group (NICCWG) (update on S-11 Status)
 - 10.2. CB Coordinator (revised CB Proposals)
 - 10.3. Consideration on TOR of CB Coordinator
11. Relevant International Organizations' Report
12. Update on C-55 Status
13. Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme (VIMSAS)
14. Any Other Business
 - 14.1. RENC presentation
 - 14.2. WEND-WG presentation
 - 14.3. Industry presentations
15. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting
16. Handing over of Chairmanship to UK
17. Election of Vice Chairman
18. Date and Venue of the Next Meeting
19. Closing Remarks from the Chairman

**14TH NORTH INDIAN OCEAN HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION CONFERENCE
26 - 28 FEBRUARY 2014
HYDROGRAPHIC DEPARTMENT, ROYAL THAI NAVY, BANGKOK, THAILAND**

LOGISTIC INFORMATION

..... **Welcome to Hydrographic Department, Royal Thai Navy (HDRTN), Bangkok, Thailand** It is very pleased to host the 14th North Indian Ocean Hydrographic Commission Conference from 26 to 28 February 2014.

VENUE & ACCOMMODATION

The Conference will be held at the Conference Room 2, HDRTN, Bangkok. Accommodation has been reserved for participants at Brighton Hotel, according to information provided in the registration form.

CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Conference documents would be regularly posted on the NIOHC website. All participants will be notified via email of an update on the documents. Please note that in this Conference participants are encouraged to use paperless.

TRANSPORTATION

The transportation for participants between the Brighton hotel & Residence and the HDRTN will be provided by HDRTN. Also, upon arrival and departure the transportation between the Brighton Suite Hotel and the Suvarnabhumi Airport would be provided; please fill in your itinerary in the registration form.

MEAL

An American breakfast is included in the hotel fee. The HDRTN is very pleased to offer all coffee breaks and lunches for all participants during the Conference. Welcome dinner on 25th February and reception dinner onboard the river boat on 27th February are also offered by the HDRTN for all participants. Coffee breaks will be provided during the Conference in front of the conference room. Lunch will be served on the first floor of HDRTN HQ at the catering room.

WEATHER

It is the late cooler season and the very beginning of summer season in Bangkok. The temperature in Bangkok in February is about 32° - 37° C.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information on the Conference, please contact CDR Sanon Rugnhu at hydrotech@navy.mi.th. Any contact during the Conference can be made to CDR Sanon Rugnhu, mobile 087 817 6567 or Lt Anurak Srirangrat, mobile 081 720 2903

Please send this form back via mail, e-mail or fax by **15 January 2014** to
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REGISTRATION FORM
14th NORTH INDIAN OCEAN HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION CONFERENCE
26 - 28 February 2014, Bangkok, Thailand

Personal Information			
Title		Name	
Position			
Organization			
Address			
Phone			
Fax			
E-mail			
Travel Information			
	Place	Date	Flight Number
Arrive at			
Depart from			
<i>If your flight number is not decided yet, please inform us later</i>			
Hotel Reservation			
Hotel Name	Brighton Suite Hotel (if other please notify.....)		
Date of Check in		Date of Check out	
Names of Accompanying			
Room Type (Room rates also include ABF)	Deluxe room	<input type="checkbox"/> Single (฿1,400 net)	<input type="checkbox"/> Twin (฿1,400 net)
	Junior room	<input type="checkbox"/> Single (฿2,000 net)	<input type="checkbox"/> Twin (฿2,000 net)
	Executive suite for 4 persons (2 bedrooms)	<input type="checkbox"/> (฿3,500 net)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Smoking		<input type="checkbox"/> Non-smoking

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