Subject: Nippon Foundation / GEBCO (General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans) Training Project Year 13 (2016–2017)

Please be advised that nominations are being sought for the thirteenth class of the Nippon Foundation / GEBCO training programme leading to the Postgraduate Certificate in Ocean Mapping at the University of New Hampshire, USA, to begin late August 2016 (pending funding to be confirmed end of March by the Nippon Foundation).

Students undertake an intensive 12-month training of lectures, practical laboratory and on-the-water projects, secondments to relevant laboratories and cruises on research or survey ships. In addition to teaching staff from the university, experts from elsewhere are invited for a limited period to give specialist lectures.

The course syllabus includes acoustics, positioning, satellite altimetry, sonar performance, survey design, and uncertainty management, geology, margin and abyssal sediments, bottom composition and acoustic backscatter, structure of ocean basins, physical oceanography, data analysis and integration and surface interpolation. Students can also select additional courses from a range of electives.

The language of instruction is English, and candidates must demonstrate capability to undertake graduate level instruction in English to the satisfaction of the University of New Hampshire. Candidates must be aware that this is an intensive course, even for students whose first language is English. The minimum standard for admission is a four-year Bachelor’s degree in a related field.

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A description of the course, eligibility for entry, financial details, schedule, course content, contact information and a downloadable application form are available at:

http://www.gebco.net/training/training_project/

Please fill out an application form available on the above website and send it by email as an "attached" file, to the Course Director, nfg_project_manager@ccom.unh.edu, as soon as possible and no later than 31 March 2016. Please note that applications sent directly to the IOC will not be considered.

Looking forward to your earliest reply, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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