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Mr. Arsenio Dominguez

Secretary-General

International Maritime Organization (IMO)

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Subject: Request for Circulation of Scholarship Opportunities for Marine Cadet Training in Bangladesh – Academic Session 2026–2027

Dear Secretary-General Dominguez,

I extend warm greetings and convey sincere appreciation to you and the International Maritime Organization for your continued leadership in fostering global maritime cooperation and capacity building.

As part of the Government of Bangladesh's enduring commitment to South-South cooperation and global maritime development, I am pleased to inform you that Bangladesh will continue its commitment by offering 10 fully funded scholarships for pre-sea marine cadet training during the academic session 2026–2027. These scholarships will be equally allocated between the Nautical and Engineering disciplines, with a strong encouragement for the nomination of female candidates, for whom up to five (5) seats may be allocated.

Following feedback and growing interest, the eligibility scope has been expanded. In addition to candidates from the Pacific, Caribbean, and African SIDS, the scholarships will now also be open to candidates from African LDCs that are Member States of the IMO. Preference will be given to female applicants and those from countries with limited maritime training infrastructure, in line with our shared goal of inclusive and equitable maritime capacity development.

Training will commence on 15 January 2026 at the Bangladesh Marine Academy, Chattogram, a premier maritime training institution globally recognized for its academic excellence and IMO-compliant curriculum. The scholarship will cover tuition fees, accommodation, and related academic expenses.

In this regard, I would greatly appreciate the assistance of your esteemed office in circulating this announcement among all eligible Member States and encouraging nominations from interested governments. Each country may nominate one (01) eligible cadet, who must meet medical and physical fitness standards. Nominations should be submitted through the respective ministry responsible for IMO affairs no later than 31 December 2025.



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Further details regarding eligibility criteria, application procedures, and brochure materials are attached herewith and also available on the official website of the Department of Shipping. Final nominations may be sent to **Email: dg@dos.gov.bd** for consideration and further coordination.

Please note that the Government of Bangladesh has decided to continue this scholarship programme on an annual basis, this circular will remain valid for subsequent years unless officially reissued or revoked.

We sincerely thank you for your continued support and cooperation and look forward to your kind facilitation in circulating this announcement among IMO Member States.

Respectful Regards.

Your Sincerely,

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