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To: All IMO Members  
Intergovernmental organizations  
Non-governmental organizations in consultative status

Subject: **Communication from the Government of Japan**

The Government of Japan has sent the attached communication, dated 18 April 2023, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.

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18 April 2023

**Termination of exceptional measures on validity of Seafarers' certificates  
under Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak**

Japan has taken the necessary measures circulated as IMO Circular Letter No.4262 of 14 April 2020 (annex) to address the emergent situation that seafarers face the challenges in completing courses required for the revalidation of Certificates of Competency (COCs), Certificates of Proficiency (COPs) and endorsement, or taking medical examinations under coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Taking into account the current situation that the above-mentioned challenges related to COVID-19 are being improved, Maritime Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan has decided to terminate the exceptional measures as follows.

1. COC and Endorsement

The exceptional measure, which had been circulated as the above-mentioned Circular Letter, ended on 31 March 2023.

2. COP and Medical Certificate

The exceptional measure, which had been circulated as the above-mentioned Circular Letter, ended on 28 February 2023.

For more information, please contact us at [hqt-stcw-coc@ki.mlit.go.jp](mailto:hqt-stcw-coc@ki.mlit.go.jp).

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