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Capt. N. Kumar Director, Vels University School of Maritime Studies

Dear Capt. Kumar;

Continuation of Our Recognition (Notification)

First of all, we appreciate your kind cooperation for our research including on-site inspection which we conducted on October 5, 2019. The purpose of our research was to confirm that your institution meets the relevant requirements as well as at the time of our initial recognition.

Based upon the results of our research, we found that your institution complies with the relevant requirements of both the STCW Convention and the Japanese scheme of "Recognition for Foreign Maritime Education and Training Institutions (METIs)." Therefore, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism has decided to continue our recognition of your institution.

Please be aware that this recognition may be withdrawn whenever we find that your institution no longer conforms to the requirements under the Japanese scheme or for other reasons.

In addition, according to our policy that this recognition should be renewed regularly, we might conduct this kind of research again within five years from the date of the last on-site inspection.

Sincerely yours,

Shinnosuke Hori

Shinnosuke Hori Director of Seafarers License and Education Division, Maritime Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism