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Title:

Ocean-going ships around the world are governed by the international laws and regulations formulated by International Maritime Organization (IMO). Most of the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) from the Africa, Caribbean and the Pacific are the members of IMO and these countries have strong support for Bangladesh. All these states are lagging behind in different economic indicators. Moreover, they are suffering severely from the adverse effect of climate change. For overcoming the adversities, other countries around the world, pay serious attention to the voice of (SIDS). Bangladesh is not an exception. One of the major foreign policies of Bangladesh is to take into account the needs of friendly countries. Bangladesh has always played a vocal and active role in multilateral

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and regional diplomacy in favor of SIDS. Bangladesh, a country of Maritime excellence, wants to offer Scholarships to the cadets of SIDS for the purpose of enhancing South-South cooperation. As a result, the Bangladesh Marine Academy International Scholarship for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) from Africa, Caribbean and the Pacific Policy-2024' is formulated.

2. Purpose:

To train the candidates of SIDS from Africa, Caribbean and the Pacific by utilizing the capacity of Bangladesh Marine Academies in order to produce skilled Deck Officers and Marine Engineers and thereby strengthen friendly relations with these countries.

3. Definitions: Unless otherwise stated in the subject matter or context, in this policy:—

- (a) 'Department of Shipping' means the Department of Shipping established under the Bangladesh Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1983 (Ordinance No. XXVI of 1983) As Amended;
- (b) 'Director General' means the Director General of the Department of Shipping;
- (c) 'Marine Academy' means any Marine Academy approved by the Government;
- (d) 'Government' means the Ministry of Shipping;
- (e) 'Cadet' means a Student undergoing study in a Marine Academy aiming to be an officer onboard Ship;
- (f) 'IMO' means the International Maritime Organization;
- (g) 'STCW' means the International Convention of Standards of Training, Certification and Watch keeping for Seafarers 1978 as amended;
- (h) 'SIDS' means the Small Island Developing States declared by the United Nations Small Island Developing States (SIDS) from Africa, Caribbean and the Pacific are members of IMO;
- (i) 'CDC' means Continuous Discharge Certificate.

4. Qualification:**(a) Educational Qualification of Applicants:**

Applicants must have passed SSC in science group or equivalent tenth grade or O'Level with minimum GPA 3.5 in a scale of 5.0 and HSC or equivalent twelfth grade or A'Level with minimum GPA 3.5 (In Mathematics and Physics being separately achieved) in a scale of 5.0. A score of minimum 5.5 IELTS test is required as evidence of the candidate's ability to complete the educational program through the medium of English.

(b) Physical Qualification:

- 1) Applicant's maximum age limit is 22 years, Height: Male-5' 4" (Five feet Four inch) and Female 5' 2" (Five feet Two inch), Weight: must be as per WHO BMI Chart (BMI Minimum 17 and Maximum 25);
- 2) Ability to run 400 meters, 10 push-ups, minimum 3 meters rope climbing and minimum 60 meters swimming ;
- 3) Candidate shall be free from color blindness. Eyesight must be 6/6 in naked eye for nautical cadets, eyesight must be 6/12 in naked eye but must be 6/6 with glasses for engineering cadets.

(c) Other qualification and documents:

Educational qualification certificates, certificate of minimum 5.5 score in IELTS examination, medical fitness certificate from Government Hospital or from registered doctor of home country, Chest X-ray, Urine (Sugar/Albumin), Blood (V.D.R.L.), HIV Test, Covid-19 Vaccination Certificate, Dope Test and Hearing Test, Certificate of not suffering from chronic diseases, Eye Test Certificate and Physical Fitness Certificate for the candidates of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) from Africa, Caribbean and the Pacific are members of IMO must be attested by the competent authority of the respective country (Ministry of External Affairs/Ministry of Education) and submitted along with the application. At the time of admission candidates have to submit all the original certificates.

5. Selection Procedure:

- (a) The Ministry of Shipping shall initiate activities for the said scholarship six months prior to the commencement of the academic year. A total number of 10 (Ten) will be awarded to government marine academies;
- (b) Bangladesh government will award 10 numbers of scholarships (5 in Marine Engineering & 5 in Nautical) in the government Marine Academy. “Combined Admission Test for Cadet Admission to Maritime Education/Training Institutions (Revised) Policy, 2024” is the base for applicant’s eligibility;
- (c) Single candidate will be selected from a single country for a total of 10 (Ten) candidates, but if 10 (Ten) candidates are not available, multiple candidates can be selected from a single country;
- (d) The applicants recommended by Small Island Developing States (SIDS) from Africa, Caribbean and the Pacific are members of IMO (Concerned Foreign and Education Ministry) will be selected for admission by fulfilling the aforementioned qualifications and conditions;
- (e) Selected cadets cannot be engaged in any commercial or income-generating activities during their stay at Bangladesh Marine Academy;
- (f) Selected cadets shall follow the code of conduct prescribed by Bangladesh Marine Academy. Cadets found to be involved in any offense against the discipline of the Bangladesh Marine Academy, concerned cadet(s) will be subject to cancellation of their scholarship and to other academic disciplinary action.
- (g) If any document/certificate is found to be fraudulent after completion of admission, admission will be deemed cancelled at any time during the academic year.

6. Admission Process:

- (a) With the approval of the Ministry of Shipping, Government Marine Academies under the purview of Ministry of Shipping will be complete the admission of 10 selected candidates from Small Island Developing States (SIDS) from Africa, Caribbean and the Pacific are members of IMO;

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- (b) Prior to publication of the circular of Cadet admission as per “Combined Admission Test for Cadet Admission to Maritime Education/Training Institutions (Revised) Policy-2024” the circular for the scholarship of the candidates of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) from Africa, Caribbean and the Pacific to be published. This advertisement will be circulated to Small Island Developing States (SIDS) from Africa, Caribbean and the Pacific are members of IMO by the Ministry of Shipping through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to IMO and Bangladesh missions or missions of Bangladesh in concurrent charge in the said countries;
- (c) Department of Shipping will prepare a form (Template) for candidates from Small Island Developing States (SIDS) from Africa, Caribbean and the Pacific are members of IMO in the prescribed application form for admission;
- (d) Appropriate authority of the said countries will select one candidate for each allocated scholarship and one for waiting;
- (e) Candidates from Small Island Developing States (SIDS) from Africa, Caribbean and the Pacific are members of IMO shall apply through the online form (Template) prepared by the Department of Shipping;
- (f) The Ministry of Education and Foreign Affairs of the concerned country will send the list of nominated candidates to the Ministry of Shipping. With the approval of the Ministry of Shipping, the Combined Cadet Admission Management Committee will publish the list of finally selected candidates on the website of Ministry of Shipping and Department of Shipping. In that light, the respective academy will complete the admission process within the stipulated time.

7. Financial benefits offered to the proposed cadets under the scholarship:

- (a) Tuition fees, examination fees, accommodation, meals, travels related to education, clothing, study materials (books, notebooks, stationery);
- (b) Economy class Air fare for arrival from home country before study and return to home country after completion of study;

- (c) General medical facilities similar to those of Bangladeshi students/cadets;
- (d) 50 USD equivalent Taka for each candidate as monthly pocket money in cash.

8. Exemption: The scholarship will exempted from the following expenses:

- (a) Visa fee;
- (b) The cost of all medical tests carried out in the home country;
- (c) Travel from home to their airport;
- (d) Any international and domestic travel within Bangladesh other than arrival for study and return after study;
- (e) Chronic illness, serious surgical expenses and expenses of Dental treatment;
- (f) In case of failure to complete the course within the stipulated time, the tuition fee and examination fee shall be borne by the student at a proportionate rate till the completion of the course.

9. Indemnity:

Since the study consists of physical, practical and theoretical subjects, there may be risk of accident or incident during the study. Bangladesh Government or any authority under it will not be responsible if any such incident happens by chance. Every scholarship candidate must be bonded in this matter before commencement of the course.

10. Certificate on Completion of Study:

The Students will award Pre-Sea certificate from the respective academy after the successful completion of two years pre-sea course. Department of Shipping will provide Continuous Discharge Certificate (CDC) to the successful Cadets. At the end of 2 (Two) years of pre-sea study (up to the 4th semester of the said course under Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Maritime University and Department of Shipping), the Pre-sea certificate will be obtained. Cadets may complete Honours course at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Maritime

University after completion of pre-sea course by their own expenses. Government of Bangladesh shall not have any responsibility regarding employment on board.

11. Scholarship Expenses: Scholarship expenses will be met from the revenue sector of respective Academy.

12. Effectiveness: The policy shall come into effect from 1 September 2024.

By order of the President

Delwora Begum

Secretary (Routine Duties).