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MARINA INVITES NOMINATIONS FOR MARITIME INSTRUCTORS TRAINING IN JAPAN

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) announced Monday that at least 6 slots are available for qualified Filipino maritime instructors who would like to train under the Maritime Instructors' Training Programme under the Seamens' Employment Center of Japan (SECOJ) which will be conducted in Japan from 23 August 2014 until 01 November 2014. The SECOJ is an authorized judicial foundation of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) of Japan.

The delivery of this training program is a result of the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the MARINA, represented by its Administrator, Dr. Maximo Q Mejia Jr and SECOJ through its General Manager, Mr. Yasuhiko Semba on 11 March 2014 at the Pan Pacific Hotel in Manila.

MARINA Administrator Maximo Q Mejia Jr welcomed this development and said that this program will certainly create a positive impact on the government's continuing effort to enhance the quality of the country's maritime education and training.

"This is an excellent platform for our maritime instructors to learn about latest trends as well as new global regulations relating to maritime education and training including operations of advanced maritime technologies", Mejia said.

"I invite heads and academic deans of maritime educational institutions which are particularly in need of this kind of capacity building initiative to nominate suitable candidates".

As of December 2013, more than 20 Filipino maritime instructors have already successfully completed their training under this scheme since it was first made available by SECOJ to the Philippines in 2010.

Qualifications of Prospective Candidates

In order to qualify, candidates must (a) at least 25 years of age but not more than 49 years old at the time of the nomination; (b) one who is connected in a recognized maritime educational institution and has a teaching career of at least one year; (c) one who is not in the military service; (d) one who is expected to continue to be engaged in maritime education or training for at least 5 years immediate following completion of the scheme; (e) one who has a professional qualification as an operational level officer for international voyage stipulated under the STCW Convention 1978, as amended in 1995 or one who is equivalently competent to this qualification; (f) one who is proficient in the English language; (g) one who is confirmed healthy, both physically and mentally and does not need to have a dental treatment while staying in Japan.

Applicants must have their passports valid for at least 1 year at the time of the commencement of the Training Program.

Structure of the Training Program

The training scheme consists of two phases: the on-board training and classroom training, all to be administered in Japan.

Provisions from SECOJ

SECOJ will shoulder all necessary costs such as round trip economy class air ticket, clothing, training allowance, accommodation, local transportation and medical expenses.

Deadline for Submission of Nominations

Candidates are strongly advised to submit their duly accomplished nomination form including its required supporting documents not later than 30 April 2014. Nominations submitted beyond this date will not be given due consideration. Nomination Forms are available at the MARINA website at www.marina.gov.ph.

Nominations should be addressed to:

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Dr. Maximo Q Mejia, Jr., Administrator, Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) and Mr. Yasuhiko Semba, General Manager, Seamens' Employment Centre of Japan (SECOJ), a judicial foundation of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) of Japan after the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for 2014 Maritime Instructors' Training in Japan at the Pan Pacific Hotel on 11 March 2014.

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The Maritime Industry Authority is an attached agency of the Department of Transportation and Communications tasked to accelerate the integrated development of the maritime industry in the country. It has been implementing reforms and programs to transform the country's domestic shipping industry to global competitiveness and the MARINA into a premiere maritime administration in Southeast Asia. For more information, visit marina.gov.ph.