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MARINA AWARDS TIMONEL FOR 2014

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) gave awards to outstanding Maritime Entities and Individuals during its 40th founding anniversary celebration led by Administrator Maximo Q. Mejia, Jr. (Ph.D.) who vibrantly echoed the anniversary theme and battle cry, "Maritime Philippines: We Move the World!".

The awards were given at Palacio de Maynila last 2 June 2014. Tsuneishi Heavy Industries, Inc. based in Cebu was adjudged as this year's Timonel Awardee for the Outstanding Maritime Entity. It was represented by its general manager Charlie Ombao.

The 'Timonel' awards are bestowed by MARINA to individuals, organizations and corporate entities recognized for their invaluable contribution to the maritime industry, and to MARINA's national and international development endeavors to help in the progress of the Philippines as a maritime country. The panel of judges in the search for 2014 Timonel awardees was composed of representatives from the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC), MARINA, Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) and Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), with former MARINA Administrator Emerson M. Lorenzo leading the search task, and with Director Bashiruddin U. Adil as chair.

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MARINA also gave Maritime Achievement Awards to Magsaysay Training Center (MTC), Philippine Center for Advance Maritime Simulation Training (PHILCAMSAT), Mr. Gerardo A. Borromeo, CEO of Phil Transmarine Carriers (PTC), and lawyer Brenda V. Pimentel, former IMO Regional Presence (Phil.) head

This year's Administrator's awardees are Rep. Jesulito A. Manalo (Angkl Party – list), Senate President Franklin M. Drilon and DOTC Secretary Joseph Emilio 'Jun' A. Abaya.

Also awarded for citations for notable accomplishments are Vice Admiral Eduardo Ma. R. Santos AFP (ret.), president of MAAP; Archipelago Philippines Ferries Corp. (APFC); and Capt. Gaudencio Morales, president of PMMAAA.

Santos, an alumnus of Philippine Military Academy (PMA) was cited for his unwavering support and contribution to MARINA and the maritime industry by raising the bar in academic excellence through sustained efforts in providing qualified and competent marine officers and seafarers. Santos is also the executive vice president of Associated Marine Officers' and Seamen's Union of the Philippines (AMOSUP), the world's largest union of marine officers and ratings. The APCF, on the other hand was cited as the first shipping company to lead in the vessel modernization of the shipping industry in the country, by acquiring brand-new roll-on, roll-off (RO-RO) ships equipped with up-to-date and modern safety features fit for Philippine sea condition, while Capt. Morales was credited for providing logistical assistance to MARINA for implementation of its new functions;

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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.

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