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NATIONAL TRAINING COURSE ON MARINE CASUALTY AND INCIDENT INVESTIGATION

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), in coordination with the International Maritime Organization (IMO) is hosting the 10-day National Training Course on Marine Casualty and Incident Investigation being held at Hotel H2O, Manila from 09 to 20 June 2014.

The training course is being facilitated by Mr. Nicholas Beer (IMO Lead Consultant) and Mr. Koji Fukuoka (IMO Consultant) who are both experts in the field of maritime investigation.

Atty. Gloria Victoria-Bañas, the Deputy Administrator for Operations, MARINA, in behalf of MARINA Administrator Maximo Q Mejia Jr., welcomed the lecturers and participants for the Philippine side. Atty. Josephine Uranza, the Regional Coordinator for Technical Cooperation in East Asia for IMO also delivered the Opening Remarks. Both of the speakers encouraged the participants to make the most of this opportunity to strengthen their capability in conducting marine casualty and incident investigation and deriving lessons learned.

There are thirty-six (36) participants composed of representatives from the Department of Transportation and Communications, Department of Justice, Philippine Coast Guard and the MARINA Central and Regional Offices.

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The Training Course objective is to encourage a common and positive approach to the safety investigation of marine casualties and incidents. It will provide updates on the latest development relating to the Casualty Investigation Code and the uniform interpretation in carrying out investigations in the marine casualties and incidents in accordance with the IMO Code of the International Standards and Recommended Practices for a Safety Investigation. The Training Course will further update the Philippines technical personnel and officers involved in the maritime policy-making on casualty-related matters and will serve as an avenue of facilitating the exchange of information between the government investigators and the shipowners.



Standing are the participants and Secretariat. Seated from L-R are Mr. Koji Fukuoka (IMO Consultant), Atty. Gloria J. Victoria-Bañas, (Deputy Administrator for Operations, MARINA), Atty. Josephine Uianza (IMO Regional Coordinator for Technical Cooperation in East Asia) and Mr. Nicholas Beer (IMO Lead Consultant).

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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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