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MARINA MEETS WITH DUBAI MARITIME CITY AUTHORITY OFFICIAL

The Maritime Operations Department Director, Eng. Mohammad Al Bastaki of the Dubai Maritime City Authority (DMCA) met with the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) Officials on 8 September 2014 in Manila. Eng. Mohammad said that his visit is part of the continuous improvement of their maritime industry through learning from best practices of the world's leading maritime administration of which they have identified and considered the MARINA as one of the superior global maritime Administrations to visit. He also said that the competitive advantage of the Filipino seafarers is their adeptness of English language plus being hardworking and patient.

Both Officials from different Maritime Administrations had an exchange of ideas on maritime matters. Deputy Administrator for Operations Atty. Gloria V. Bañas stressed that the importance of DMCA visit is the learning process from each administration on ways and means to improve the maritime industry. Meanwhile, Eng. Mohammad said that in order to succeed, one should focus on a specialized niche market and not lose track of your priorities. Today, Dubai is highly automated when it comes to ports and shipping, he added.

DMCA is the sole authority of the Government of Dubai that develops and implements marine safety and environmental policy and all other related maritime regulating activities. DMCA also coordinates with all local and federal government departments and ministries of Dubai as part of its commitment to provide critical services and facilities to safe guard and promote maritime industry in Dubai, UAE and the Middle East.

Along with MARINA Deputy Administrator for Operations Atty. Bañas were Atty. Bashiruddin Adil, Director of Maritime Safety Service, Atty. Rowena B. Hubilla, Director of Domestic Shipping Service and Engr. Ramon C. Hernandez, Director of the Shipyard Regulations Service and Deputy Chief of Staff of the MARINA Administrator.

Best practices of countries on maritime activities and policies are being evaluated and studied by progressive and other emerging economies to adopt the same to improve their maritime economic policies.



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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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