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MARINA PERSONNEL TRAIN TO BE ISM CODE AUDITORS

A total of 24 technical personnel of the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) underwent a five-day Auditor's Training Course on International Safety Management (ISM) last Oct. 13 to 17 at Bayview Park Hotel, Manila.

MARINA Administrator Dr. Maximo Q. Mejia, Jr. (PhD), in opening the five-day course, underscored the relevance of the training-course in order to effectively meet the Administration's obligation of promoting maritime safety and environmental protection, explaining the ISM Code belongs to the regime of maritime regulations likewise geared at eliminating human error which is a contributing factor in numerous tragic accidents in the sea.

The training was conducted in partnership with Class Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (NK), a member of the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS), with the help of its country manager Mr. Hiroyuki Kobayashi, and Course Lecturer Mr. Ng Kwan Ying of Class NK, Singapore.

According to Mejia, the training-course was conducted in line with the continuing efforts of MARINA to enhance the capabilities of the Agency's technical personnel in the aspect of auditing the safety management of ships and shipping companies based on the standards set by the ISM Code. Participants who successfully passed the rigorous examinations during the live-in seminar will still have to undergo further training as 'audit observers' prior to becoming 'full-fledged' MARINA ISM auditors, who will be included the existing pool of regular auditors.

Compliance with the ISM Code has been mandatory in domestic shipping since 1999 upon the implementation of MARINA Circular No. 143 for particular vessels covered by the said circular, and since 1998 in international shipping under the provisions of chapter IX of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) of 1974.#



Administrator Maximo Q Mejia Jr, PhD (far right) with Mr. Ng Kwan Ying (middle), Class NK and Atty. Bashiruddin U. Adil (leftmost), Director, Maritime Safety Service, MARINA



The MARINA Administrator speaking before the 24 participants of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code Auditor's Training Course, 13 October 2014.



Mr. Hiroyuki Kobayashi (left), Country Manager, Class NK Philippines and Mr. Ng Kwan Ying (right), Director, Class NK Academy Center, South Asia and Oceania as Course Lecturer of the ISM Auditor's Course held at Bayview Park Hotel from 13-17 October 2014. #

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