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**MARINA YEAR END MEETING WITH THE STAKEHOLDERS OF THE
OVERSEAS SHIPPING SECTOR**



The Maritime Industry Authority conducted the Year End Assessment with the stakeholders of the Overseas Shipping Sector. The Meeting was held on 14 December 2017 at MIDAS Hotel in Pasay City. There were forty (40) attendees from the Filipino Shipowners Association (FSA), Philippine Ship Agents Association (PSAA), Joint Manning Group (JMG), International Maritime Association of the Philippines (INTERMAP), Philippine Association of Manning Agencies & Shipmanagers (PAMAS) and the Association of International Shipping Lines, Inc. (AISL) and other maritime enterprises. There were also representatives from the Bureau of Customs (BOC), Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) and other service units in MARINA.

The Meeting aimed to assess the Overseas Shipping Service's accomplishment for 2017 and its plans and programs for year 2018 and beyond to cover its regulatory, promotional and developmental functions.

During the Meeting, the Chair proudly announced the retention of the Philippines to the Council of the International Maritime Organization under Category "C". He mentioned that the Philippines placed number 13th from its

former 18th place. He mentioned that the Philippines' re-election to the Council demonstrates the respect and trust of the Member States of the IMO as well the indispensable status of the country as a major supplier of competent seafarers around the globe.

Mr. Luisito U. Delos Santos of the Planning and Policy Service of MARINA provided updates on the formulation of MARINA Maritime Industry Development Plan (MIDP) for the next ten years.

Atty. Jean Ver P. Pia, Director of OSS presented the consolidated roadmap sectoral framework in line with the national agenda of the Overseas Shipping Sector. She emphasized the importance of shared responsibility between the stakeholders and the concerned government agencies to achieve desired objectives. She gave updates on the Philippine's ratification of international maritime conventions and instruments and plans for implementation and enforcement with relevant agencies.

Atty. Maximo I. Bañares, Jr., Director of the Legal Service gave updates on the status of the pending House Bill on Philippine Ship Registry. Atty. Bañares sought the private stakeholders full support and assistance to help MARINA push for the promulgation of the Bill in Congress in order to realize the desired changes that the private stakeholders wish to achieve for the shipping industry.

Atty. Josephine Marie G. Uranza, the IMO Regional Presence for Technical Co-operation in East Asia, gave a lectures on the three levels of safety. The said topic was an important tool in reviewing the Maritime Industry Development Plan of MARINA in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

After the open forum, Atty. Pia confidently said in her closing remarks that while there are so many works to be done, the objectives of promoting safe, secure and environmentally sound, efficient and sustainable shipping can be achieved through the support of the stakeholders and other concerned government agencies.

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