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MARINA LEADS THE “DAY OF THE FILIPINO SEAFARER” CELEBRATION

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) took the lead in the celebration of the “Day of the Filipino Seafarer” on June 25, 2014, pursuant to Proclamation No. 183 dated 03 June 2011 with the theme, “**Pinoy Seafarers, Proudly Moving the World**”. Various activities were undertaken, including the *Pinoy Seafarers Barrio Fiesta* at the MARINA Parking Area; *Maritime Forum* at the AMOSUP Training Hall; and, the launching of the *Library for Safe Seafaring* at the Manila Yacht Club;

At the Opening Program held at the MARINA, **Atty. Gloria J. Victoria-Banas**, Deputy Administrator for Operations, expressed appreciation and gratitude to all Filipino seafarers for all their social and economic contributions all these years. Citing the remarkable sacrifices which every seafarer has to take just so the world maritime commerce could be moved, she said that a day is not enough to honour them, and, all efforts put forth in mounting up these activities in celebration of the “Day of the Filipino Seafarers” are all worth it.



Meanwhile, the STCW Office Executive Director, **Dr. Atty. Capt. Alvin A. Tormon**, in his remarks, confirmed the forthcoming decentralization of the issuance of COPs, initially at the MARINA Regional Offices in Cebu, Iloilo, Davao and Tacloban. A seafarer himself, he assured all seafarers that he will do whatever it takes pursuant to the mandate of his Office to advance the good and welfare of Filipino seafarers.

Atty. Jabeth Sena Jephath A. Dacanay, the STCW Office Deputy Executive Director, in her welcome remarks for the Pinoy Seafarers' Barrio Fiesta, informed that the MARINA is about to launch an on-line appointment system for SIRB applicants. She also enjoined all seafarers to bear with the "transition pains" which the MARINA is going through in view of the many functions transferred pursuant to Executive Order 75 of 2012 and Republic Act No. 10635.



Participating agencies and maritime entities/individuals have set up booths offering their treats to seafarers, which include among others, flowing tea/coffee, free national and international calls, free especially-printed t-shirts, free haircut and massage, free snack packs, free training packages, Android phones, seafarers' sim, photobooths, home appliances, gift items and cash prizes.



Background of the Celebration

The declaration of the “Day of the Seafarer” was conceived during the 2010 Diplomatic Conference which met in Manila to adopt milestones revisions to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers. In that Conference, it was agreed that that the unique contribution made by seafarers from all over the world to international seaborne trade, the world economy and civil society as a whole, should be marked annually with a ‘Day of the Seafarer’. The date chosen was 25 June, the day on which the amendments were formally adopted.

The campaign objectives are: (1) to increase awareness among the general public of the indispensable services you render to international seaborne trade, the world economy and society at large; (2) to send a clear message to you that we recognize and appreciate your services; that we understand the extraordinary conditions and circumstances of your profession; that we do care about you; and that we do all that we can to look after and protect you when the circumstances of your life at sea so warrant; and, (3) to redouble our efforts at the regulatory level to create a better, safer and more secure world in which you can operate.

This year's celebration of the Day of the Filipino Seafarer is in partnership and cooperation of the following agencies and maritime entities are: Masagana Telamart, Inc., Joint Manning Group (JMG), SBR Maritime Services, Exact Training Center, Globe Maritime Training Center, Tri-Oceanic Manning Agency, Oceanwave, Herma Shipping Transport Corp, Petrotrade, Inc., Technomar Crew Mgt. Corp., Inter-island Deep Sea Fishing, Inc., Great Seas Mariner Training Orient Register of Shipping, Inc., Pentagon Maritime Foundation, Inc., SM Development Corp., Globe Telecom, Smart Communications, Inc., Masters & Mates Association of the Philippines, Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), Maritime Piracy Humanitarian Programme, National Telecommunication Commission, Vice Admiral Joseph Dy (National Director/ PCG Auxiliary) & Ms. Elizabeth Salabas (PCG Auxiliary/VMA), and other anonymous companies and individuals who shared generously their time and resources in the mounting up of various treats and activities all for the love and honour to the Filipino seafarers.

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