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MARINA THANKS ACTIVE SECTORS ON SUPPORT FOR SUSTAINING WELL-BEING OF THE INDUSTRY

Officials and employees of the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) headed by Administrator Dr. Maximo Q. Mejia, Jr. (Ph.D.) thanked yesterday (Aug. 12) active sectors in the Philippine maritime industry, including stakeholders for their joint move to sustain or improve the well-being of the country's seafaring industry.

"We are profoundly grateful to our concerned stakeholders for their call for unity, as well their move to forge a cohesive action and direction, with strong resolve to prevent enmity among industry members in order to maintain the country's premier position in the international maritime community.", said Mejia in quick reaction to the letter of joint support to MARINA Board by the active sectors, that was later on published in national news dailies, as an 'open letter to all stake holders'.

The active sectors recognized that the maritime industry was developed and nurtured for more than 40 years by all stakeholders, acknowledging the continuous giving of employment to more than half a million Filipino seafarers, aside from the ancillary services that likewise generate employment to thousand others; the industry's contribution of over US\$5.2 billion annually to the country/s foreign exchange remittance height of the many financial crises that had beset the world.

In the same breath, they commended the Philippine government for the timely passage of R.A. 10635 that mandated MARINA as the sole maritime administration in the Philippines to ensure full implementation and compliance of the 1978 International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, as amended; for expressing due recognition to the efforts of Angkla Party-list group represented by Rep. Jesulito A. Manalo who worked for to its successful enactment, with all –out support from Senate President Franklin M. Drilon and the efforts of MARINA under the able leadership of Dr. Mejia, for promptly crafting the implementing rules and regulations (IRR) of R.A. 10635 and other initiatives to harmonize efforts to put in place all the necessary organizational structures to implement the said law; and the efforts of CHED, TESDA, PRC, NTC and DOH in supporting DOTC, MARINA and DOLE in the implementation of same law.

The active sectors also asked the Filipino seafarers to continue adhering to their sense of professionalism, enhance their capability and competence, and express gratitude and loyalty to the people who have given them employment opportunities and livelihood; continue to provide excellent service to their principals, and refrain from doing any untoward act that would tarnish their 'good image'.

They also asked the private sector that includes shipping and manning associations, seafarers' unions, maritime institutions, training centers and other professional organizations to 'refrain' from doing any act detrimental before the eyes of international shipping community and maritime organizations.

The signatories to the unity call are Capt. Emmanuel L. Regio, Chairman, JMG and President, FAME; Dr. Conrado F. Oca, President, AMOSUP, Capt. Rodolfo .Aspillaga, President, MMAP; VAdm. Eduardo Ma. R. Santos AFP (Ret.), President, MAAP; Atty. Manuel T. Collado, President, MATEU; Capt. Gaudencio C. Morales, President, ISP; Engr. Samuel T. Lim, Chairman, SONAME; Mr. Eduardo U. Manese and Mr. Ericson M. Marquez, Vice Chairmen for Internal Affairs and External Affairs, respectively, JMG; Dr. Elizabeth O. Salabas, President, PAMI; Ms. Josephine J. Francisco, President, NYK-NTIF; Mr. Michael C. Mendoza, President, PSU; Mr. Pedro Miguel F. Oca, President, PAMAS; Mr. Dario R. Alampay, Jr., President, FSA; Capt. Victor S. Del Prado, President, FILSCAPTS; Capt. Joseph T. Arangote, President, ISLA; Capt. Juanito G. Salvatierra, Jr., Vice President, INTERMAP; Dr. Joseph Marcel I. Alcaraz, President, MARCDOC; Chief Engr. Guilbert B. Llamado, Secretary General, PMMAAAI; Capt. Teodoro B. Quijano, Vice President, PJMCC; and Chief Engr. Alfredo G. Haboc, President, PAMTCI.

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