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### NEW OFFICIAL FOR MARINA

On August 27, 2014, President Benigno Aquino III appointed Capt. Herminio P. Estaniel as Director IV at the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC), and subsequently appointed by the Honorable Joseph Emilio Aguinaldo Abaya as the MARINA's Deputy Administrator for Regional Concerns. He took his Oath of Office before Secretary Abaya on September 5, 2014.

MARINA Administrator Maximo Q Mejia Jr is very pleased to have Estaniel in his management team and expressed high confidence on the latter's qualifications and competence in handling regional issues, more specifically on matters relating to ship safety and the human element in shipping. Capt. Estaniel said that his academic background, experience and specialization will surely be of great service to the maritime industry especially to the regional offices which will be empowered due to the newly delegated sensitive functions aimed to fully serve the needs of the maritime community nationwide.

Prior to joining the MARINA, Estaniel served as a duty master for tanker vessels and a former General Manager for a ship management company operating a fleet of tankers. He obtained his BS Marine Transportation degree major in navigational and seamanship "With Distinction" from the Philippine Merchant Marine Academy (PMMA) in 1983. He earned his Master's degree specializing in Maritime Education & Training at the World Maritime University (WMU) in 1993.

He served in various capacities aboard tankers as support operational & finally management level position. He also served as Dean of the Marine Transportation at the academy and spearheaded the revamp of the curriculum of Marine Trans to conform with the STCW leading eventually to inclusion in CHED's partial white list.

He has served in MARINA-STCW office since September 2013 as Consultant and recently as one of the first Maritime Education and Training Supervising. He has immensely contributed to MARINA's preparatory work and the actual conduct of the inspection during the last EMSA audit.

