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MARINA ALIGNS STRATEGIC PLANS, PROGRAMS WITH LONG-TERM MARITIME INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

MANILA - The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) is taking significant strides to align its strategic plans and programs with the long-term Maritime Industry Development Plan (MIDP). Spearheaded by the Planning and Policy Service (PPS), MARINA conducted a three-day Workshop for the Updating of the MARINA Voyage Plan (MVP) 2028 from 31 July to 02 August 2023. The event brought together service unit and regional directors,

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MARINA TO LOBBY SEVERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA, SETS STRATEGIC TARGETS FOR FIVE YEARS

MANILA — In a recently concluded three-day Mid-Year Performance Assessment and Planning Conference (MYPAPC) led by the MARINA Planning and Policy Service (PPS) from 09-11 August 2023, the Authority has committed to push for several legislative agenda for the 19th and 20th Congress and set deliverables for 2024-2028.

During the Conference, the

MARINA pledged to lobby for the Amendment of RA 9295 or the Domestic Shipping Development Act of 2004; Shipbuilding Ship Repair Development Act; Philippine Ship Registry Act; and the Maritime Industry Act to amend Presidential Decree No. 474. As for the 20th Congress, the Authority targets to push for the National Legislation of Marine Pollution Convention, and the National Legislation on Hongkong

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The MARINA Officials and Directors pose for a group photo during the Mid-Year Performance Assessment and Planning Conference (MYPAPC).

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MARINA XI Regional Director Felisa N. Orongan Leads Historic Groundbreaking Ceremony for Four-Story Building at Davao Regional Government Center

MARINA REGIONAL OFFICE XI BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW REGIONAL OFFICE BUILDING

In a significant milestone, the MARINA Regional Office XI (MRO11) has received approval to commence construction of its new regional office building. Regional Director Felisa N. Orongan led the groundbreaking and time capsule laying ceremony for the proposed four-story building at the Davao Regional Government Center in Bago Oshiro, Tugbok District, Davao City on 15 August 2023.

Encompassing an area of 5,002 square meters, the new regional office is poised to become a vital addition to the region's infrastructure, with completion scheduled for 2025. The event commenced with a prayer led by Pastor Jonah O. Badilles, who also blessed the construction site.

MARINA Deputy Administrator for Operations and former MRO11 Regional Director, Engr. Nannette Z. Villamor-Dinopol, expressed gratitude to all parties involved in making the project a reality.

Regional Director Orongan recounted the organization's growth and the significance of this

achievement. "Having been one of the pioneer employees of MRO11 since its establishment in 1988, I am personally thrilled about this project. There are four of us who are still here, and it's an honor for us to witness this event as we continue to serve through this beloved agency," she shared.

After a 35-year wait, the new MRO11 office marks a monumental step forward. It will stand as one of the first government agencies to open its doors at the Davao Regional Government Center, symbolizing progress and development for the region.

The event was attended by distinguished guests, including Hon. Leo Tereso A. Magno, Secretary of the Office of the Presidential Assistant for Eastern Mindanao; Hon. Carlo Lisandro L. Gonzalez, Representative of the Marino Partylist; and Maximo P. Macalipes, Jr, Head of the City Economic Enterprises, representing Davao City Mayor. Representatives from various government agencies, including PCG, PPA, DPWH, PCA, PNP, and the LGU of Bago Oshiro, were also present at the event.



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MARINA SUSTAINS STRONGER TIES WITH COUNTERPART IN BANGSAMORO



BMARINA joins hands with MARINA Central Office for a stronger maritime nation

The MARINA has sustained its stronger ties with its counterpart in the Bangsamoro region during a meeting on 23 August 2023, at the MARINA Central Office, City of Manila.

The meeting was held between MARINA Administrator Atty. Hernani Fabia, and the Bangsamoro Maritime Industry Authority (BMARINA) led by its MOTC Minister Atty. Paisalin P. Tago, focused on the possible interregional and intraregional routes in BARMM, issuance of licenses for boat captains in the said region, and possible capacity-building initiatives.

In June, the MARINA and MOTC established

the sea route connecting Cotabato City via Polloc Port in Maguindanao del Norte to Lamitan City in Basilan.

Present during the meeting was MARINA Deputy Administrator for Operations Engr. Nannette Villamor-Dinopol, MARINA Chief of Staff Atty. Jabeth Jephath Dacanay, Director Atty. Rowena Hubilla, and Director Arsenio Lingad II.

For the part of BMARINA, it was represented by its Director II, Atty. Abubakar Katambak, Chief MIDS, Alonto A. Sahiron, Chief MIDS, Albaya M. Pascua, and Supervising MIDS, Ahmsia S. Edris

MARINA REGIONAL OFFICE VIII INAUGURATES NEW BUILDING IN PALO, LEYTE

The MARINA Regional Office VIII (MRO8) conducted the Inauguration and Turn Over Ceremony of the new MRO8 building led by the MARINA Administrator, Atty. Hernani N. Fabia and MRO8 Regional Director, Atty. Eusebia A. Cadlum-Boco at the 4f, MRO8 Building on 28 July 2023.

The activity started with the Cutting of Ribbons at the main entrance of the MRO8 Building, which was carried out by the MARINA Administrator, Atty. Hernani N. Fabia, MRO8 Regional Director, Atty. Eusebia A. Cadlum-Boco, DPWH Regional Director, Engr. Edgar B. Tabacon, and representatives from the Provincial Government of Leyte, Felipe Ugrubay, and Engr. Edwin Labanta, followed by a Eucharistic Mass at the MRO8 Building.

The program ended with the turnover ceremony and acceptance of the Symbolic key from the DPWH and Contractor to MARINA, which was humbly accepted by the Marina Administrator and

the MRO8 Regional Director.

The activity was attended by the MARINA Officials, MRO8 employees, former MRO8 employees, and representatives from the Province of Leyte, Tingog Sinirangan Partylist, DPWH, PCG, NTC, PPA, NMP, PNP Regional Maritime Unit, NEDA, DBM, COA, EVMC, Office of Civil Defense, DENR, DOT, and MARINA stakeholders.



Proposed design for the new MARINA Region XI Building



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officers-in-charge, and planners from all regions of MARINA.

During his remarks, MARINA Administrator Atty. Hernani Fabia reaffirmed the agency's commitment to aligning its plans with the MIDP, emphasizing the importance of contributing effectively to the development and growth of the maritime industry.

For his part, PPS Director Luisito Delos Santos highlighted the pivotal role of the MARINA Voyage Plan in ensuring that the programs, plans, and projects of MARINA are in sync with the MIDP 2028. He emphasized the significance of aligning strategies and efforts to effectively contribute to the growth and sustainable development of the maritime industry.

Deputy Administrator for Planning (DAP) Sonia B. Malaluan led the workshop, focusing on examining the strategic deliverables and contributions of the MVP from 2024 to 2028, ensuring seamless alignment with the updated MIDP 2028.

The workshop's primary objective was to update the MARINA Voyage Plan's 5-year Strategic Deliverables, Strategic Contributions, and Program Scorecards. This comprehensive approach ensures that MARINA's initiatives and projects are geared towards fulfilling the MIDP's vision and objectives.

The MIDP 2028 encompasses eight core programs designed to propel the industry forward sustainably and innovatively.

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Convention.

As a responsible member of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the Philippines maritime industry aims to ratify the Bunkering Convention, HNS Convention, among others.

As for its strategic deliverables, the Authority seeks to digitalize its systems and infrastructures, as well as to achieve a Silver/Gold Award from the Civil Service Commission Prime-HRM, and Silver/Gold Trailblazer Award for its Performance Governance System (PGS).

The conference, aligned with MARINA's Voyage Plan and the long-term Maritime Industry Development Plan (MIDP) 2028, saw the participation of the agency's management, service unit, regional directors, planners, and budget officers.

In a delivered message, Administrator Atty. Hernani N. Fabia emphasized the pivotal role of the mid-year conference in shaping MARINA's strategic direction. He highlighted the conference's

significance in providing a roadmap for the agency's programs, positioning MARINA to effectively guide the maritime industry toward enhanced strength and resiliency.

During the conference's opening remarks, Luisito U. Delos Santos, Director of the Planning and Policy Service, underscored the significance of the conference's outcomes. These outcomes are expected to serve as a guiding framework for every facet of MARINA, encouraging a harmonized approach to advancing the maritime sector.

During the conference, Deputy Administrator for Planning Sonia B. Malaluan reiterated the agency's steadfast commitment to excellence. She echoed the collaborative spirit that was palpable throughout the event, expressing her belief that the shared vision forged during the conference will be the cornerstone of MARINA's future achievements.

To seal the deal, service unit directors have signed certificates of commitment as a tangible representation of their pledge to meet the established targets over the next five years.

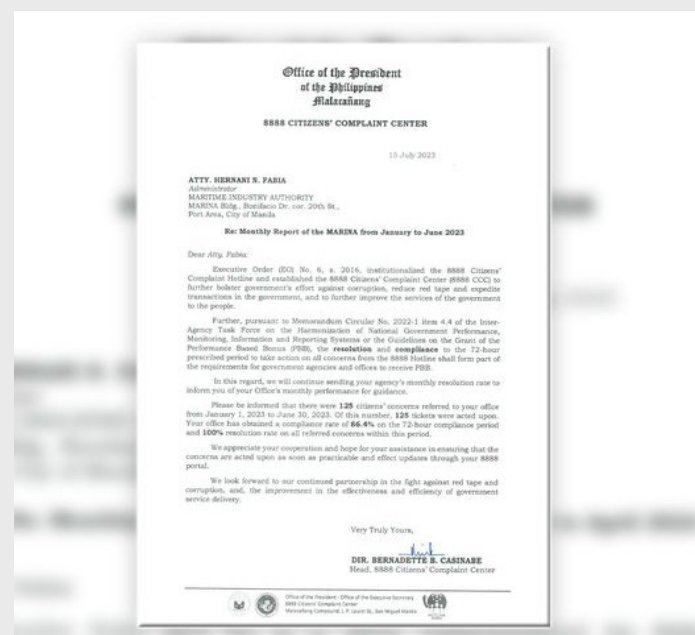
86% OF COMPLAINTS RESOLVED BY MARINA WITHIN 72HOURS – 8888 COMPLAINT CENTER SAYS

MANILA CITY – 86.4 percent of the complaints received by the MARINA from January to June were resolved within the 72-hour period mandated by the 8888 Citizen Complaint Center of the Office of the President, a letter dated 15 July 2023 stated.

Throughout this six-month duration, the Authority received 125 citizens' concerns, and all 125 tickets were promptly addressed, translating to a 100 percent resolution rate.

It should be noted that the establishment of the 8888 Citizens' Complaint Center (8888 CCC) aims to bolster the government's efforts in tackling corruption, streamlining processes, expediting transactions, and enhancing public services.

This increasing compliance rate being recorded by the MARINA signifies its dedication



in upholding the highest standards of public service while continuing to prioritize citizens' concerns with utmost diligence.



MARINA Enforcement Service and representatives of the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) participate in IORIS Refresher Course

MARINA AND PCG ENHANCE MARITIME COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN IORIS REFRESHER COURSE TO ADVANCE INDUSTRY SAFETY

The MARINA, through its Enforcement Service (ES), and the representatives of the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) participate in the IORIS Refresher Course sponsored by the EU-CRIMARIO which commenced yesterday, 28 August 2023 to 01 September 2023 at the MARINA Central Office, Manila.

The said training focuses on the procedures in the interchange of communications, as well as the importance of utilizing the IORIS Platform — a fully funded project of the European Commission (EC), in the maritime industry.

The Refresher Course will be capped by the signing of the agreements between the MARINA, the National Coast Watch Center and the EU-CRIMARIO.

Meanwhile, an IORIS Trainers Training will be held on 11-15 September 2023, while the IORIS Foundation Course will be on 18-23 September 2023. These series of capacity building of MARINA personnel and the use of IORIS Platform are in line with the updated Maritime Industry Development Plan (MIDP) 2028 which leans toward innovation, digitalization and enhancement of maritime safety and security.

MARINA, WWF-PHILIPPINES LAUNCH JOINT INITIATIVE TO COMBAT MARINE PLASTIC LITTER

The MARINA and World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) - Philippines officially launched the four - minute video on marine plastic litter onboard two ships in Port of Batangas on 01 August 2023.

The MARINA through the Shipyards Regulation Service (SRS), the newly-created Marine Environment Protection Development Service (MEPDS) and MARINA Regional Office IV turned over the four-minute video on marine plastic litter to Montenegro Shipping Lines, Inc. (MSLI) and Archipelago Philippine Ferries Corp. (APFC).

In his welcome message during the launching onboard a ship owned by the Montenegro, MRO IV Director Engr. Rizal Victoria said that the four-minute video on marine plastic litter tackles the necessity for every passenger and ship crew to take all responsibility for proper waste disposal.

Meanwhile, MARINA Deputy Administrator for Planning Sonia Malaluan described the event as a milestone of the partnership between MARINA and WWF-Philippines which was formalized through a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The said event is in accordance to MARINA Advisory No. 2023 - 11 or the "Guidelines on the Implementation for the Airing of the Four (4) - Minute Video on Marine Plastic Litter for Passenger Vessels" which aims to prevent and combat plastic pollution in all passenger vessels and ports. The Deputy Administrator for Planning also reiterated

the need to raise the awareness of passengers in order to prevent marine plastic litter.

WWF - Philippines Program Manager Czarina Panopio expressed her excitement to continue their partnership with MARINA. She looks forward to the upcoming 3rd Marine Environment Protection Forum which will be held during the BEACON 2023 at SMX Convention Center in Pasay City on 06 - 08 September 2023 and other activities in order to promote proper waste segregation and proper waste disposal to the passengers and shipping crew.

Montenegro Operations Manager Dennis Berania said that they are very honored to be chosen as one of the venues of the launching of four - minute video on marine plastic litter. He also said that their company has an advocacy of saving the marine environment.

The same program was also conducted onboard a ship owned by the Archipelago where APFC Chairperson Mary Ann Pastrana assured their commitment and support to the maritime industry in the country, particularly marine environment protection.

Meanwhile, the Fire Preventive Measures Onboard Passenger Ships posters which will be posted to conspicuous places all throughout the ship were also launched during the said event in accordance to MA No. 2022 - 48.



MARINA and WWF-Philippines team up to raise awareness on marine plastic litter with Four-Minute video



MARINA's MDS and LS collaborate with licensed Manning Agencies to elevate seafarer Safety Regulations

MARINA COLLABORATES WITH LICENSED MANNING AGENCIES TO ENHANCE SEAFARER SAFETY REGULATIONS

The MARINA conducted a pivotal meeting on 29 August 2023, with key industry players. The meeting, organized by MARINA's Manpower Development Service (MDS) in collaboration with the Legal Service (LS), gathered representatives from various Licensed Manning Agencies (LMAs).

The primary focus of the meeting centered on proposed guidelines related to the revocation and suspension of Seafarers Record Book (SRB) and Seafarers Identity Document (SID) due to Total and Permanent Medical Disability, and in view

of maritime accidents / incidents, which were observed to be a subject of debate during the nationwide public consultations.

The said meeting underscores MARINA's commitment to refining its regulatory framework for the betterment of Filipino seafarers. The Filipino seafaring workforce remains highly preferred by a majority of global ship owners, making this initiative a crucial step in ensuring their continued well-being and industry relevance.

MARINA REGION XI AND DICT REGION XI COLLABORATE TO BOOST DIGITAL LITERACY AND CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS

The MARINA Region XI (MRO 11), in partnership with the Department of Information and Communications Technology Region XI (DICT XI) has successfully completed its training on Digital Literacy and Cybersecurity Awareness on 24-25 August 2023 in DICT-Davao City.

The said 8-hour training focused on Digital Literacy Program on Online Productivity Tools, Google Applications, Microsoft Office, and Cybersecurity Awareness.

During the workshop, resource speakers has provided insights on the practical use of Google Applications and Microsoft Office; lectured on Cybersecurity Awareness, and emphasized common cybercrimes and the rights of a data subject.

Through hands-on exercises and collaborative sessions, participants from MRO 11 engaged in an immersive learning experience, designed to accelerate their understanding and application of these tools.



MARINA Region XI and DICT XI team up for Digital Literacy and Cybersecurity Training

MARINA GALLERY



MARINA Regional Office VII (MR07) conducts a Modified Basic Safety Training (MBST) at the Talibon Bohol Atrium with over 200 participants



MARINA elevates Maritime Safety and Security with Specialized Training initiative in Manila as Part of MIDP 2028 implementation

