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Newly appointed MARINA Administrator Sonia Malaluan (right) takes her oath before Transportation Secretary Jaime Bautista on 18 December 2023.

MANILA — Ms Sonia Bautista Malaluan, with an impressive 34 years of service in MARINA, formally assumed her role as the Agency's Administrator after being sworn into office by Transportation Secretary Jaime J Bautista on 18 December 2023. Other senior officials and Central Office Service Directors accompanied her, and witnessed the oath taking ceremony of the newly appointed Administrator, a strong demonstration of the support and unity of the rank and file employees of the Agency for Malaluan's leadership.

"Let's move forward to realize the economic potentials of our maritime sector. We need to change our mindset in public governance by engaging ourselves more with our industry stakeholders. I look forward to the series of dialogues with our

partner-agencies and private sector stakeholders especially to our seafarers and small industry players in the countryside. We request the support of the Department of Transportation (DOTr) to enable us to institute the needed reforms" said Malaluan soon after her oath.

Meanwhile, Transportation Secretary Bautista assured the Department's continued support. "We look forward to working with you more closely. We are definitely here for the MARINA".

The DOTr Chief also emphasized that the "our priority is what is good for the industry, what is better for the commuting public. We owe to our people to uphold and provide a comfortable, accessible, safe, secure sustainable and affordable transportation system for the Filipino people nationwide. We should

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## SENIOR MARITIME OFFICIAL TAKES HELM...



MARINA Administrator poses for a photo with Secretary Bautista (center), Undersecretary Elmer Sarmiento (leftmost), and Assistant Secretary Julius Yano (right).

do our work with integrity and honesty.”

In her new role as MARINA Administrator, Malaluan will focus her priorities based on the available and limited resources of the Agency, such as the following:

1. Effective implementation of the updated Maritime Industry Development Plan (MIDP) 2028;

2. Digitalization of the Agency’s frontline services nationwide;

3. Certification of MARINA’s core processes under ISO 9001:2015 standards for quality management system;

4. Enhancement of maritime safety by addressing the causes of maritime incidents;

5. Sustained compliance with the requirements of the STCW Convention for seafarers 1978, as amended;

6. Strengthening of the organizational structure and institutional capacity of the Agency;

7. Strong collaboration and partnership with the PCG;

8. Preparation for the Philippine compliance with the 2023 IMO Strategy on the Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships;

9. Assessment of the effectiveness of existing policies and repeal those found to be obsolete and outdated;

10. Engagement with industry stakeholders through regular fora, public consultations and dialogues; among others.

A staunch advocate of women’s empowerment and equality, Malaluan has also been campaigning actively for the sustainability of the maritime industry and the international call for decarbonization.

Before her tenure as the MARINA Administrator, Malaluan served in various capacities across administrative, finance, planning, and operations. She held the position of Deputy Administrator for Planning, the second in rank, since 23 November 2022.

In appointing Malaluan, President Marcos Jr. cited the senior official’s remarkable training and experience in economics, technology, finance, law, management, public utility, and other aspects of the maritime industry.

It is noteworthy that Malaluan spearheaded the crafting of plans and programs for the industry — including the 10-year Updated Maritime Industry Development Plan (MIDP) 2028, presented before the President in February of this year.

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# PHL RE-ELECTED TO IMO COUNCIL



Philippine delegation during the 33<sup>rd</sup> IMO Council in London.

In a resounding victory at the 33<sup>rd</sup> IMO Assembly in London, the Philippines secured re-election to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Council. Ranking 7<sup>th</sup>, with the 4<sup>th</sup> highest number of votes among the 20 elected countries for the 2024-2025 biennium, this marks the Philippines' highest vote count since joining the IMO Council in 1989.

Out of 171 IMO member-states, 168 qualified to vote, and an impressive 136 votes affirmed the Philippines' continued Council membership. Transport Secretary Jaime J. Bautista, leading the Filipino delegation, expressed gratitude for the widespread support.

Secretary Bautista highlighted the Philippines'

ongoing commitment to global maritime excellence, stating, "Our re-election allows us to contribute to the maritime industry, promoting safe shipping operations and supporting growth, modernization, resiliency, and sustainability."

On a parallel front, Secretary Bautista signed a vital MOU with Saudi Arabia's Transport Minister, ensuring continued recognition of Filipino seafarers' training certificates. This move aims to create more job opportunities and enhance technical cooperation.

This achievement not only solidifies the Philippines' role in global shipping but also positions it as a key player in international maritime affairs.

## MARINA HOLDS ISM CODE AUDITOR COURSE FOR SURVEYORS, INSPECTORS

MANILA – With its ultimate goal of producing competent and certified ISM auditors who can proficiently assess and evaluate the adherence of maritime entities to the ISM Code, the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) commenced its five-day ISM Code Auditor Course which was held on 04 December to 08 December 2023.

The said workshop was participated by representatives from service units and regional offices who have been serving as surveyors, and inspectors of the Agency.

Meanwhile, in her welcome remarks, MARINA OIC-Administrator Engr. Nannette Villamor-Dinopol stressed that "as a Maritime Administration, [MARINA] is continuously encouraging our manning agencies, shipping owners, and ship operators to maintain effective Safety Management Systems,



MARINA official, participants are all smiles during the ISM Code Auditor Course.

implement the ISM Code and continually upgrade to ensure the safety and efficiency of ships and their crews."

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## MARINA HOLDS ISM CODE AUDITOR COURSE...

The workshop, which was facilitated by the American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) Academy from Singapore's Mr. Mohammed Zahirul Hoque, seeks to enhance the technical personnel's capability and knowledge to conduct a full audit of organizations and ship management systems following internationally recognized best practice techniques.

The activity was also attended by the MARINA officials who are the signatories on ISM Certification and needed the training to aid them in decision-making.

Participants in this training are expected to explore various key aspects, including risk management, safety culture, and the intricate details of regulatory requirements outlined by the ISM Code. Further, this training will also provide a deep understanding of the principles and practices that govern safety management systems within maritime organizations.



Successful completion of this training program not only signifies a comprehensive understanding of safety management but also demonstrates the ability to apply this knowledge in real-world audit scenarios – an effort that contributes to promoting a safer and more secure maritime environment.

## MARINA ACHIEVES READINESS FOR ISO CERTIFICATION WITH COMMENDATION FROM DAP



MANILA — The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) received the green light from the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) regarding its readiness for ISO Certification 9001:2015 Standards for the Quality Management System (QMS) during a closing meeting on 27 December 2023 via Zoom.

This move aligns with Administrator Sonia Bautista Malaluan's thrust to certify MARINA's

core processes under ISO 9001:2015 standards for the QMS, highlighting its dedication to quality management and global standards.

During the meeting, DAP has noted commendable findings on MARINA, as it declared the Agency being 'Certifiable' by the assessors of DAP -- signaling its readiness to undergo ISO 9001:2015 Certification.

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## MARINA ACHIEVES READINESS FOR ISO...

The positive findings from the DAP assessment include:

1. **Top Management's Active Support:** MARINA's top management actively participated in planning sessions, management reviews, and readiness assessment opening and closing meetings, showcasing unwavering support for the QMS expansion project.

2. **Office Objectives and Achievements:** All MARINA offices presented their objectives, targets, and accomplishments, achieving an impressive success rate. Nearly all objectives and targets set for the first half of 2023 were met, reflecting MARINA's commitment to excellence.

3. **International Recognition:** MARINA has successfully maintained and improved the Philippines' position in the International Maritime Organization (IMO) convention. Additionally, the organization completed the International Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS) and the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) Audit, demonstrating adherence to global standards.

4. **MARINA-SRS's Proactive Approach:** The Shipyards Regulation Service (SRS) within MARINA displayed a proactive approach to compliance assessment and personnel development. Notably, the

provision of QR codes for easy stakeholder access to MARINA Circulars (MCs) sets a commendable standard for the maritime industry.

The implementation of ISO 9001:2015 standards for the QMS offers a holistic framework that not only ensures the delivery of high-quality products or services but also contributes to organizational growth, sustainability, and global competitiveness.

On 16 Feb 2023, MARINA was selected as a 2023 Beneficiary Agency of the Government Quality Management Program (GQMP) for the Expansion of ISO 9001:2015. Through the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) titled "Expansion of ISO 9001-Certified Quality Management System for the Maritime Industry Authority," DAP is providing technical assistance and conducting capacity-building interventions.

DAP is facilitating the expansion of MARINA's ISO 9001:2015-Certified QMS, providing customized orientation and training courses, and offering technical guidance for the development of required documented information.

## MARINA GEARS UP FOR NEXT YEAR; OUTLINES PROGRAM FOR FY 2024



MARINA Management, Directors, Planners and Budget Officers during the Annual Planning and Budget Conference held in Manila

**MANILA** – The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) is gearing up for the upcoming year as the agency finalizes its priority plans and programs for Fiscal Year 2024 during its consecutive conferences held from 13 to 17 November 2023.

From 13 November to 15 November 2023, MARINA's Planning and Policy Service (PPS) spearheaded the Annual Regulatory Planning Conference (ARPC), where MARINA offices nationwide actively participated. This was succeeded

by the Annual Planning and Budgeting Conference (APBC) organized by the Budget Division from 16 November to 17 November 2023.

### Three-Day Annual Planning and Regulatory Conference

The ARPC aimed to solidify policy priorities in alignment with the Maritime Industry Development Plan (MIDP) and the MARINA Voyage Plan (MVP)

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# MARINA GEARS UP FOR NEXT YEAR...

2028. It also provided an opportunity for the Service Units involved in regulation-making to refine their target policies for 2024, which will be submitted to the Anti Red Tape Authority (ARTA) as part of the Planning Stage of the policy formulation.

In her opening remarks, Deputy Administrator for Planning (DAP) Sonia B. Malaluan emphasized the significance of quality over quantity in policy formulation and declared a stronger partnership with ARTA in the Agency's pursuit of institutionalizing Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) to implement better regulations for the maritime industry.

PPS Director Luisito Delos Santos stressed that MARINA offices will continually support the transition towards evidence-based regulation-making through RIA. This sentiment was echoed by the Deputy Administrator for Operations Engr. Nannette Z. Villamor-Dinopol, who encouraged attending officials to persist in integrating RIA for the industry's improvement and the transformation of the Philippines into a major maritime nation.

With the conclusion of 2023 approaching,

MARINA, through the efforts of its Service Units, is already preparing for regulatory commitments in the next calendar year. The successful completion of the ARPC marks the commencement of the Planning Stage of the policy-formulation process in line with Administrative Order No. 16-22.

## Two-Day Annual Planning and Budgeting Conference

Given the directive of the MARINA management to ensure all projects are included in next year's Annual Plan and Budget (APB) and are aligned with core functions, the MARINA Voyage Plan, and the Learning Development Plan, among others, each service unit presented their proposed programs with respective costs. This was to determine the ranking of prioritized programs for the next fiscal year, 2024. The proposals were evaluated by the Deputy Administrator for Planning.

It is noteworthy that in the last Fiscal Year 2023, MARINA was appropriated a budget of Php 910.888 million and has proposed a total of Php 1.171 Billion under the General Appropriations Bill for the 2024 budget.

# MARINA, PCG COMMIT TO STRONGER, OPEN PARTNERSHIP



MARINA Administrator Malaluan and PCG Commandant Gavan (center) during the courtesy visit of MARINA in PCG Headquarters on 28 December 2023

MANILA — In a significant development towards enhancing maritime safety, marine environmental protection and regulatory efficiency, Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) Administrator, Sonia Bautista Malaluan, underscored the commitment to stronger and more engaging partnership with the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) during her courtesy visit on PCG Commandant Admiral Ronnie Gil Latorilla Gavan on 28 December 2023.

Emphasizing the importance of robust collaboration, Administrator Malaluan stated, "MARINA is dedicated to fostering stronger connections with key agencies such as PCG and CHED (Commission on Higher Education). Our commitment is to maintain open lines of communication and work hand in hand with PCG to ensure the safety of passengers and vessels."

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# MARINA, PCG COMMIT TO STRONGER...

PCG Commandant Admiral Ronnie Gil Latorilla Gavan reciprocated the sentiment, emphasizing the enduring partnership between PCG and MARINA. "There is no hierarchy; we encourage both agencies to progress in fulfilling their mandates," remarked Commandant Gavan, advocating for a closer staff-to-staff engagement.

Acknowledging the significance of technological advancements, Administrator Malaluan announced the nationwide roll-out of digitalization initiative aimed at providing PCG district offices access to a comprehensive database of vessels with expired and active certificates. This system will play a pivotal role in preventing vessels with expired statutory and safety certificates from setting sail.

"The digitalization effort, slated for launch next year, will streamline certificate processes for shipping companies, ensuring a corruption-resistant environment by minimizing human intervention,"

explained Administrator Malaluan. A nationwide orientation and user training are scheduled starting February, targeting stakeholders, including the PCG.

During the meeting, MARINA and PCG pledged to conduct regular dialogues, along with a nationwide reorientation for PCG personnel regarding MARINA policies, rules, regulations and standards.

Meanwhile, Administrator Malaluan outlined her three priorities for 2024: digitalization, safety of operations, and marine environment protection, all of which received full support from the PCG.

This visit aligns with MARINA's broader agenda to establish stronger ties with government agencies, to ensure effective regulation and enforcement of maritime safety rules and regulations. The collaborative efforts between MARINA and PCG aim to create a safer and more efficient maritime transportation system in the country.

## FABIA LEAVES MARINA WITH SIGNIFICANT REFORMS AND MILESTONES FOR THE MARITIME SECTOR

Manila, Philippines -- Atty. Hernani N Fabia left quietly Thursday, 07 December 2023 his post as Administrator of the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) following his receipt of the acceptance by the Office of the President of his resignation which he tendered a few weeks ago. He stepped down from his public service, after leading the Agency for 17 months from July 2022 to the first week of December, with remarkable accomplishments and strategic reforms for the country's continued efforts to develop the country's maritime sector.



Former MARINA Administrator Atty. Hernani Fabia

In July 2022, he assumed his position at a time when the country was gradually recovering from the impact of the global health pandemic and racing against time to submit additional substantive information to avert the continued threat by the European Commission (EC) to withdraw its recognition of Philippine issued certificates to Filipino merchant marine officers over the country's failure to address the recurring findings on the country's maritime education, training, and certification system for the last 17 years.

Fabia concluded his tour of duty with the following milestones that showcased the agency's

commitment to international compliance, industry development, technological advancement, safety enhancement, good governance, organizational expansion, and infrastructure development.

Focus Area No. 1: Continued compliance with international commitments

MARINA has successfully secured the continued recognition of STCW Certificates issued to Filipino merchant marine officers by the European Commission through a formal letter from the DGMOVE

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## FABIA LEAVES MARINA WITH...

confirming the serious efforts by the Philippine government to institute reforms on the country's maritime education, training, and certification system. This development ensured the continued employment of more or less 50,000 Filipino merchant marine officers on board EU-flagged ships. It likewise received from the European Commission (EC) a total of EU 4 million for a capacity building program intended for the country's implementation of the STCW Convention for Seafarers 1978, as amended, and the 2006 Maritime Labour Convention (MLC 2006).

For the first time since the STCW Convention entered into force in 2012, the Agency likewise completed the cycle of Independent Evaluation to assess the demonstration of the country's effective implementation of the STCW Convention. The Philippine report has been submitted to the IMO Panel of Competent Persons for review and evaluation whose recommendation will serve as the basis for the continued inclusion of the so-called IMO "White List".

Last October 2023, the MARINA also successfully concluded the Philippine audit of its implementation of IMO mandatory instruments which the country is a State Party under the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS).

Under the leadership of Administrator Fabia, the Philippines was again re-elected as a Member of the Council under category C of the International Maritime Organization.

Focus Area No. 2: Updated Maritime Industry Development Plan (MIDP) 2028

With the successful hosting of the Philippine Maritime Industry Summit, MARINA completed the drafting of the MIDP 2028. The plan, aligned with the Philippine Development Plan and the President's 8-Point Socio-Economic Agenda, awaits approval from the Office of the President.

The MARINA Strategic Voyage Plan 2028, derived from the MIDP, has been finalized and adopted for implementation, linking plans, projects, and programs in the agency budget based on the 2024 National Expenditures Program.

Focus Area No. 3: Nationwide Automation and Digitalization of MARINA

In improving its services to Filipino seafarers, MARINA implemented the Enhanced MARINA Integrated Seafarers Management Online (MISMO)

System, allowing online filing, payment, and receipt of relevant certificates.

The MARINA Blockchain-Enabled Certification System developed under the incumbency of Administrator Fabia is expected to be launched nationwide in the early part of 2024. This system represents a major leap in information system integration, offering online certificate verification and enhancing data protection.

Focus Area No. 4: Enhancement of Safe Operations of Motorbancas through enhanced pro-poor programs

MARINA strengthened its pro-poor programs by undertaking mobile registration, licensing, documentation, and franchising of vessels in several coastal areas of the country, particularly in Dingalan, Aurora, and Subic, Zambales. Capacity building on Modified Basic Safety (MBST) for ships of 35 gross tonnage and below reached 1,015 trained domestic seafarers.

The Maritime Industry Safety Summit held on November 15, 2023, emphasized the importance of safe operations in the maritime industry.

Focus Area No. 5: Promotion of Good Governance and Transparency

MARINA demonstrated its commitment to good governance by achieving a 100% resolution rate on citizens' complaints lodged through the Presidential 8888 Hotline. The expansion of the Quality Management System under ISO 9001:2015 ensures standardized processes across all MARINA offices, promoting transparency.

Focus Area No. 6: Enhanced Maritime Multilaterals, Partnerships, and Linkages

Bilateral agreements with Canada, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, France, Korea, and others underscore the Philippines' commitment to international cooperation. The establishment of the MARINA Multi-Sector Governance Council (MSGC) enhances collaboration and expertise in realizing the Ten-Year Maritime Industry Development Plan.

Focus Area No. 7: Organizational Expansion and Human Capacity Building

Administrator Fabia's tenure witnessed the appointment of 167 officials and employees, emphasizing human capacity building through training programs and international participation. The ongoing and upcoming construction of regional office



## FABIA LEAVES MARINA WITH...

buildings, along with organizational restructuring, reflects MARINA's commitment to expanding its presence nationwide.

### Focus Area No. 8: Infrastructure Development

In addition to these achievements, MARINA has made substantial progress in infrastructure development. The completion of the MARINA Regional Office No. VIII in Tacloban City, Leyte, and the ongoing construction of the MARINA Regional Office No. X in El Salvador, Misamis Oriental, and the groundbreaking of the MARINA Regional Office No. XI in Davao City marked significant steps toward enhancing the agency's regional presence and service

capabilities.

The buildings, designed to meet the highest standards, are expected to play a crucial role in facilitating efficient operations, providing improved services, and fostering better coordination within the regions.

The accomplishments of MARINA under the leadership of Atty. Fabia signaled a transformative period for the maritime industry, setting the stage for continued growth, international collaboration, technological advancement, and enhanced infrastructure.

# MARINA GEARS UP FOR OPLAN BYAHENG AYOS: PASKO 2023



Representatives from the MARINA-Enforcement Service inspect vessels as the Agency gears up for Oplan Byaheng Ayos : Pasko 2023.

MARINA gears up for OPLAN Byaheng Ayos: PASKO 2023

Given the expected influx of passengers during the Holiday Season, the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) through its Enforcement Service (ES) steps up security and safety measures as it gears up for heightened security alert in line with the activation of Oplan Biyaheng Ayos: Pasko 2023. The operational plan will run from 15 December 2023-03 January 2024.

During the Oplan, ES personnel who are stationed at the Malasakit Help Desks, along with

other maritime agencies, are expected to provide assistance and immediate response to any queries and concerns of the riding public. ES hotlines will be made sure to be operational and properly manned.

Routine seaworthiness checks on ships will be also conducted while shipping companies are reminded of necessary precautions and safety reminders during travel.

Meanwhile, passengers were advised to book early to avoid long lines during their travel and crowding amid the holiday rush.

# FOR THE COUNTRY'S MARITIME EDUCATION AND TRAINING

In a strategic move to fortify collaborative efforts for the advancement of the country's maritime training and education, MARINA Administrator Sonia Bautista Malaluan met with Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Chairperson Prospero E. de Vera III on 22 December 2023.

As a key component of Administrator Malaluan's new agenda, this brief meeting aimed to bolster MARINA's partnership with CHED centered on participatory and collaborative initiatives.

The commitment to working hand in hand with educational institutions reflects MARINA's dedication to nurturing a skilled and proficient maritime workforce.



MARINA, CHED ensure that they will work together for the enhancement of Maritime Education and Training country.

Also present during the meeting was the MARINA-STCW Office Executive Director Samuel L. Batalla; as for CHED, the meeting was attended by Executive Director Atty. Cinderella Filipina Benitez-Jaro and Office of Programs and Standards Development Director IV Dr. Cherrie Melanie Ancheta-Diego.

## NEW MARITIME CHIEF AIMS COMPETENT, DISCIPLINED, AND CORRUPT-FREE MARINA



MARINA Administrator meets the Job order and Contract of Service personnel in MARINA.

**Competent, Disciplined, and corrupt-free--** This is how the newly appointed Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) Administrator, Sonia Bautista Malaluan, described her objectives as the new maritime chief during a meeting with hundreds of Job Order (JO) Personnel and Contract of Service (COS) Personnel earlier today, December 20, 2023, at the MARINA Central Office in Manila.

"I want my administration to be characterized as competent, disciplined, and corrupt-free. Love your job, perform it competently with integrity and

professionalism. These are our core values."

The Administrator also acknowledged the contributions of hundreds of contract personnel, the majority of whom are delivering frontline services, stating, "Malaki ang naitutulong niyo, lalo na sa mga frontline services. You are part of what MARINA has accomplished in the last years. Continuously, you contribute to the achievement of MARINA's tasks, missions, and the way we deliver our services to the public."

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## NEW MARITIME CHIEF AIM...

As the new administration aims to provide efficient services and operations, the MARINA Chief stressed that her leadership is “open and transparent,” ensuring personnel that their welfare is among the Agency’s priorities.



## MARINA HONORS PINOY SEAFARER IN 2023 GLOBAL PHOTO TILT

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) honored Marine Engineer John Robert Macinas Maraño for bagging the 2023 grand prize of the global photo competition of the International Federation Transport (ITF) Seafarers’ Trust Prize Photography Competition.

Administrator Sonia B Malaluan commended Maraño for his achievement during the latter’s courtesy call on the MARINA Chief. “Congratulations and thank you for bringing pride and honor to the country and for demonstrating the finest talent of a Filipino seafarer”.

Maraño bagged the grand prize through his entry, “12 Degrees”. According to the ITF-Seafarers’ Trust website, “the image, featuring a ship’s inclinometer, earned acclaim from judge Paddy Rodgers, who highlighted the photographer’s expertise in capturing the dynamic challenges confronted by seafarers”. He gifted the MARINA official with a copy of his winning photo.

During her conversation with Maraño, Administrator Malaluan sought support for more nominations from Filipino seafarers for the annual search of the IMO’s Award for Bravery at Sea.

She likewise conveyed her broad plans for the upskilling and reskilling of Filipino seafarers

in the light of challenges brought about by the implementation of targets for zero or near zero green house gas emission from ships, commercialization of maritime autonomous surface ships and artificial intelligence, among others.

The MARINA Chief also bared her immediate plan to hold dialogues with active seafarers so she would be able to listen to their concerns and undertake appropriate measures to address them and to engage with industry for their inputs to the on-going comprehensive review of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for seafarers 1978, as amended.





# MARINA GALLERY



MARINA Administrator Sonia B. Malaluan warmly welcomes the officers and members of the Maritime Journalists Association of the Philippines (MJAP) during their visit to the MARINA Central Office on 29 December 2023.



MARINA, led by Director of the Enforcement Service Engr. Ronaldo P. joins the National Coast Watch Center (NCWC) Annual Liaison Officers (LNO) Year-End Assembly on December 5, 2023, at the AFAB Administration Facility in Mariveles, Bataan.



Administrator Sonia Bautista Malaluan discussed areas of collaboration with ITF Inspector Philippines Chief Engineer Arvin Peralta where she expressed her commitment to work closely with ITF - Philippines and agreed to identify areas of collaboration to further promote the welfare and well-being of our Filipino seafarers as they "move the world".



## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Please be informed that in accordance with **MARINA Circular No. 2016-06**, which outlines the updated procedures for conducting **Harbor Pilots Examination** and issuing licenses, exams will be held at the **MARINA Central Office** quarterly throughout the Calendar Year (C.Y) 2024.

Quarter	Dates
1st	March 5, 6, and 7
2nd	June 4, 5 and 6
3rd	September 10, 11 and 12
4th	December 3, 4 and 5

Applications must be submitted one week prior to the scheduled exams at the Maritime Training Program Development Division (MTPDD-MDS, MARINA), 2nd Floor MARINA Building, A. Bonifacio Drive corner 20th Street and Railroad Street, South Harbor, Port Area, Manila.

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