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## INAUGURAL LAUNCHING OF THE IMP SHIPYARD

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### MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

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Administrator  
Maritime Industry Authority

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### [OPENING SPIEL: ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS]

TO ALBUERA MUNICIPAL MAYOR HON. SIXTO DELA VICTORIA;  
TO IMP SHIPYARD PRESIDENT CAPT. JESS MORALES;  
TO DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, GOOD MORNING.

WE ARE GATHERED HERE TODAY TO WITNESS A MILESTONE IN THE PHILIPPINE MARITIME INDUSTRY PARTICULARLY IN SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR SECTOR. AS OF 2022, THERE ARE 124 SBSR REGISTERED AND LICENSED ENTITIES NATIONWIDE, WHICH ARE SIGNIFICANT IN FULFILLING THE ROLE OF THE SBSR SECTOR IN PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES TO ACQUIRE HIGH QUALITY AND RELATIVELY LOW COST LOCALLY BUILT SHIPS AND TO PROVIDE COST EFFICIENT SHIP REPAIR SERVICES.

WITH THAT, IT IS WITH GREAT HONOR AND PLEASURE TO BE A PART OF TODAY'S **INAUGURAL LAUNCHING OF THE IMP SHIPYARD** THAT WILL DEFINITELY CONTRIBUTE IN MAINTAINING THE GLOBAL POSITION OF OUR COUNTRY AS THE FOURTH



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SHIPBUILDING NATION BASED ON THE UNCTAD REVIEW OF MARITIME TRANSPORT 2023.

AS I LOOK FORWARD TO THE SUCCESS OF IMP SHIPYARD, LET ME EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO CAPT. MORALES AND HIS TEAM FOR THEIR SUPPORT TO THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MARITIME INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PLAN (MIDP) 2028, WHICH IS ADOPTED THROUGH EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 55 SIGNED BY PRESIDENT MARCOS, 2 WEEKS AGO.

THE MARINA IN COORDINATION WITH OUR PARTNER AGENCIES AND RELEVANT MARITIME STAKEHOLDERS HAVE SPEARHEADED THE UPDATING OF THE MIDP 2028 WHICH COVERS THE CORE PROGRAM ON **"MODERNIZATION, EXPANSION AND PROMOTION OF THE PHILIPPINE SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR INDUSTRY."** THE SAID MIDP PROGRAM AIMS TO MODERNIZE AND EXPAND THE PHILIPPINE SHIPYARD'S CAPABILITY AND CAPACITY TO NOT ONLY MEET THE DEMANDS OF THE LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL SEA TRANSPORT MARKET, BUT ALSO TO CREATE MORE JOBS AND INCREASE INVESTMENTS TO THE COUNTRY.

UNDER THE MIDP 2028, WE ARE ALSO PUSHING FOR THE PASSAGE OF THE SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR BILL, AS WELL AS THE NEED FOR A LEGISLATION ON SHIP REGISTRY. THROUGH THIS LEGISLATION, MARINA EXPECTS THAT THE CONTRIBUTION



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OF THE SBSR SECTOR AND THE MARITIME INDUSTRY INTO THE PHILIPPINE ECONOMY WOULD PROVIDE A MORE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT, AND ITS THE BENEFITS REACHING MORE FILIPINOS, MOST SPECIALLY THE PEOPLE OF ALBUERA.

ON BEHALF OF THE MARINA, I COMMEND CAPT. MORALES AND HIS TEAM FOR THIS VENTURE. I THANK THE SHAREHOLDERS AND INCORPORATORS OF IMP SHIPYARD FOR TAKING ON THE CHALLENGE.

THE MARINA IS FOCUSING ON DIGITALIZATION PROJECT WHICH WILL STREAMLINE THE PROCESSES OF FRONTLINE SERVICES. THIS HIGH PRIORITY PROJECT WILL ALSO CAPACITATE THE TECHNICAL PERSONNEL IN THE SBSR INDUSTRY IN ORDER TO COPE WITH THE MODERN AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY ENAURING EASE OF DOING BUSINESS, AND DELIVERING EFFICIENT AND QUALITY PUBLIC SERVICE. I, THEREFORE APPEAL FOR THE COOPERATION OF IMP SHIPYARD AS WE WORK TOGETHER THROUGH THE “WHOLE OF NATION” APPROACH, IN PUSHING THE PROPOSED BILL, DIGITALIZATION AND IMPROVING THE COUNTRY’S MARITIME SAFETY RECORD.

AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE YOU ALL TO THE **NATIONAL SHIPYARDS CONVENTION** IN CEBU ON APRIL 16-17 WHICH IS BEING ORGANIZED BY THE SHIPYARD ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES (SHAP) AND SHIPYARD ASSOCIATION OF CEBU (SAC) IN COORDINATION WITH



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MARINA. IT AIMS TO PRESENT ALL MAJOR PROGRAMS OF THE ASSOCIATIONS, AND THE IMPORTANT PLANS AND PROGRAMS OF THE GOVERNMENT ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SBSR INDUSTRY TOWARDS OUR DESTINATION OF 'BAGONG PILIPINAS.'

LASTLY, I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE IMP SHIPYARD WILL HELP IN ENHANCING THE LOCAL ECONOMY OF MUNICIPALITY OF ALBUERA AND THE REST OF LEYTE PROVINCE; GENERATE MORE EMPLOYMENT AND BRING MORE PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU AND AGAIN, MAGANDANG UMAGA SA ATING LAHAT AT CONGRATULATIONS TO THE IMP SHIPYARD.