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3RD NATIONAL SHIPYARDS CONVENTION

CLOSING REMARKS

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TO SHIPYARDS ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES CHAIRPERSON MR.
MENELEO CARLOS III;

TO THE DIFFERENT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, RELEVANT MARITIME
STAKEHOLDERS, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS;

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, GOOD AFTERNOON TO EVERYONE.

AS WE CONCLUDE THE **3RD NATIONAL SHIPYARDS CONVENTION**, IT IS
MY GREAT HOPE FOR THIS VERY IMPORTANT UNDERTAKING TO BE
RECOGNIZED AS A PLATFORM FOR SHIPYARD OPERATORS, INDUSTRY
EXPERTS, POLICYMAKERS AND OTHER RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS TO
SHARE THEIR INSIGHTS, BEST PRACTICES AND TECHNOLOGICAL
ADVANCEMENTS, WHICH ARE CRUCIAL IN IMPROVING THE CURRENT
SITUATION OF THE SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR SECTOR IN THE
COUNTRY.

I NOTE WITH APPRECIATION THAT WE HAVE THE PARTICIPATION OF
ABOUT 62 PERCENT OF THE MARINA-REGISTERED SBSR ENTERPRISES
OR ENTITIES IN THIS 3RD NATIONAL SHIPYARDS CONVENTION. SO, I
GUESS WE KEEP ON INCREASING IN TERMS OF PARTICIPATION AND
WILLINGNESS TO BE INVOLVED IN ALL THESE PROCESSES.



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SO, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO THE SHIPYARDS ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES (ShAP) FOR BEING A STRONG PARTNER OF THE MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY (MARINA) IN THE PAST YEARS, AND OF COURSE, IN ORGANIZING THIS CONVENTION TO FACILITATE DISCUSSIONS, EXCHANGE OF KNOWLEDGE AND FOSTER NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE COMMON GOAL OF MAINTAINING THE GLOBAL POSITION OF THE PHILIPPINES AS THE FOURTH SHIPBUILDING NATION.

ONE OF THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA OF MARINA UNDER MY TERM AND WHICH IS ALSO PART OF THE MIDP 2028 IS THE SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR DEVELOPMENT BILL, WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE IN ADDRESSING THE ISSUES AND CONCERNS THAT THE 124 MARINA-REGISTERED SBSR ENTITIES ARE FACING IN THEIR DAILY OPERATIONS. WE HAVE BEEN PUSHING FOR THE PASSAGE OF THIS BILL THROUGH OUR MIDP.

IT MAY BE RECALLED THAT IN THE YEAR 2018, THE MARINA IN COORDINATION WITH OUR PARTNER AGENCIES AND ESTEEMED MARITIME STAKEHOLDERS, WE TACKLED VARIOUS SHIPBUILDING, SHIP REPAIR AND SHIP BREAKING INITIATIVES AS WELL DURING THE 2ND NATIONAL SHIPYARDS CONVENTION. THOSE SBSR-RELATED INITIATIVES WERE CONSIDERED SINCE THE 'DRAFTING STAGE' ON VALIDATION OF THE MIDP 2028.

IN THIS LIGHT, WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR VALUABLE SUPPORT TO THE FINALIZATION AND UPDATING OF MIDP 2028, WHICH AS WE ALL KNOW NOW HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY THE



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ISSUANCE OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 55 BY THE PRESIDENT LAST FEBRUARY. THE ADOPTION OF MIDP 2028 IS A TESTAMENT THAT WE ARE ACHIEVING SOMETHING FROM GATHERINGS LIKE TODAY'S CONVENTION. WITH THAT BEING SAID, I HUMBLY APPEAL TO ALL CONCERNED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, SHIPYARDS, SHIPPING COMPANIES AND OTHER MARITIME STAKEHOLDERS TO CONTINUE COLLABORATING IN THESE ACTIVITIES.

EARLIER, WHEN YOU APPROVED OR SIGNED THE RESOLUTION. [SAC CHAIRPERSON] GLENN [DELA TORRE] MENTIONED THAT MARINA EVEN PROPOSED THE INSERTION TO INCLUDE THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE SBSR DEVELOPMENT BILL TO PRESIDENT MARCOS, AND I THANK YOU FOR CARRYING THAT IN YOUR RESOLUTION BECAUSE DURING MY PRESENTATION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE MIDP 2028 LAST JANUARY 17, THERE WERE TWO LEGISLATIVE AGENDA THAT I PRESENTED AND ONE IS THE SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR DEVELOPMENT BILL. WE, IN MARINA, ARE ALSO REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF THE SAID BILL AS URGENT ADMINISTRATION BILL.

HOWEVER, THOUGH THE BILL HAS BEEN FILED ALREADY IN THE 19TH CONGRESS LAST JULY 2022, SADLY, UNTIL NOW THERE IS NOT MUCH PROGRESS ON THE FILED BILL. THEREFORE, THAT'S WHY WE ARE TARGETING...WE HAVE TO POLISH AND REALLY IMPROVE ON THE BILL AND HOPEFULLY WE CAN GET THE CERTIFICATION FROM THE PRESIDENT THAT THIS BILL BE A PRIORITY BILL IN THE 20TH CONGRESS. SO, DEFINITELY, I AGAIN APPEAL WITH ALL OF YOU TO BE WITH MARINA IN OUR EFFORTS TO PUSH FOR THIS BILL. SO, ONCE WE POLISH AND IMPROVE ON THE BILL, WE WILL BE PRESENTING THE SAME TO ALL OF YOU AND I WAS MENTIONING EARLIER TO THE BOARD,



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THAT WE INTEND TO PRESENT THE BILL TO LEGISLATORS. IT'S LIKE WE HAVE DEVELOPED THE PRODUCT AND WE WANT TO SELL OUR PRODUCT SO THAT THEY WILL BE CONVINCED ON THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF THIS BILL, AND YES, WE HAVE IDENTIFIED A LOT OF ISSUES AND CONCERNS BUT I BELIEVE THAT FOR THE SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR TO REALLY DEVELOP, BE MODERNIZED, TO EXPAND, WE REALLY NEED SUCH ENABLING LAW. I HOPE THAT AFTER THE BILL, HOPEFULLY KUNG MAPA-APPROVE NATIN, THEN ALL OTHER PROJECTS WILL EVENTUALLY FOLLOW.

SO, I AM GLAD AND I RECOGNIZE YOUR RESOLUTION EARLIER WHICH ARE INDEED IN LINE WITH OUR IMPLEMENTATION OF MIDP 2028, WHEREIN WE HAVE A CORE PROGRAM ON THE MODERNIZATION AND EXPANSION OF THE PHILIPPINE SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR INDUSTRY WHICH INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING INTERLINKED PROGRAM STRATEGIES:

- (1) UPGRADING AND ENHANCEMENT OF CAPABILITY AND CAPACITY OF SHIPYARDS,
- (2) PROMOTION OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT,
- (3) ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ECO-INDUSTRIAL MARITIME PARK,
- (4) DEVELOPMENT OF FINANCING AND INCENTIVES PROGRAMS.

ALL OF THESE SHOULD ALSO BE INCLUDED IN OUR SBSR DEVELOPMENT BILL. THESE STRATEGIES ARE VERY SIGNIFICANT IN ORDER TO MODERNIZE AND EXPAND THE PHILIPPINE SHIPYARDS'



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CAPABILITY AND CAPACITY, AND IT IS ALSO MY DREAM THAT THE LOCAL SHIPYARDS WILL BE BUILDING SHIPS, BOATS FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION. AS WE ALSO MODERNIZE OUR DOMESTIC SHIPPING AND MAKE MARITIME TRANSPORT A KEY COMPONENT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONNECTING OUR ISLAND ECONOMIES, CREATING MORE ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES, CREATING EMPLOYMENT AND ALL OTHER ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF THE EXPANSION OF THE SHIPYARD.

SO, ON TOP OF THIS, ONE OF MY PRIORITIES, AND I JUST CAME FROM ILOILO BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN CONDUCTING ORIENTATION OF OUR STAKEHOLDERS ON MARINA'S DIGITALIZATION PROJECT. SO, MOST OF YOU WOULD HAVE HEARD AND LISTENED TO THIS "MARINA BLOCKCHAIN-ENABLED AUTOMATED CERTIFICATION SYSTEM" (MARINA BEST) THAT WILL ENHANCE OUR FRONTLINE SERVICES AND THAT WILL ALSO BOOST EASE OF DOING BUSINESS AND DEFINITELY YOUR SBSR INDUSTRY OR SECTOR WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS MODERNIZATION.

SO LASTLY, I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE MARINA HAS BEEN INTENSIFYING ITS EFFORTS AS WELL IN ORDER TO CAPTURE THE PRECISE SITUATION OF OUR SBSR SECTOR THROUGH THE 2023 PHILIPPINE SBSR CAPABILITY AND CAPACITY ASSESSMENT REPORT. THIS HAS BEEN A REQUIREMENT UNDER RA 9295 AND RESULT OF THIS ASSESSMENT WILL DEFINITELY HELP IN OUR DATA ANALYTICS AND IN SUPPORT OF OUR PLANS AND PROJECTS UNDER THE MIDP. SO, THIS WILL BE PUBLISHED BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. SO, I AGAIN APPEAL TO ALL OF YOU FOR THE SUPPORT IN FILLING UP THIS ONLINE ASSESSMENT REPORT.



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I WON'T TAKE MUCH OF YOUR TIME. AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND I ALWAYS LOOK FORWARD TO A
STRONGER PARTNERSHIP WITH ALL OF YOU.

MABUHAY PO ANG SBSR.