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PBBM APPROVES, ADOPTS 10-YEAR MARITIME INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2028

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. has approved and adopted the 10-year Maritime Industry Development Plan 2028 (MIDP), which will serve as the country's whole of nation roadmap for the integrated development and strategic direction of the maritime industry.

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MARINA GRATEFUL FOR PBBM NOD ON UPDATED MIDP 2028

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) has welcomed the approval and adoption of the 10-year Maritime Industry Development Plan 2028 (MIDP) by President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., underscoring the commitment of the Philippine government to harness the full potential of our maritime industry for national development.

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MARINA LEADS PH DELEGATION TO IMO HTW 10 SESSION IN LONDON

The Philippine delegation, led by the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), attended the 10th session of the Sub-Committee on Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping (HTW) held at the IMO headquarters in London, UK. The HTW deals with the human side of shipping, including training and certification; the review, updating and revision of IMO model courses; as well as guidance addressing issues such as fatigue and wellbeing of seafarers.

The ongoing session continues the work started in HTW 9 on the comprehensive review of the STCW Convention and the STCW Code. The review is carried out to deal with cyber security and emerging technologies, as well as issues on bullying and harassment, including sexual assault and sexual harassment. Likewise, the quality of onboard training,

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PBBM APPROVES...

In a four-page Executive Order No. 55 signed by Executive Secretary Lucas P. Bersamin on February 8, President Marcos cited the need to approve and adopt the MIDP to fully realize the potential of the Philippines as a maritime nation.

"To fully realize our potential as a maritime nation, the country requires a clearly defined and coordinated roadmap that shall accelerate the integrated development of the Philippine Maritime Industry," President Marcos said.

The President said the MIDP envisions a strong and reliable Philippine Merchant Fleet, which addresses sea transport requirements in support of national development, consistent with the country's "AmBisyon Natin 2024" of a strongly rooted, comfortable and secure life for all Filipinos.

He said the MARINA Board shall adopt a system for the effective implementation, monitoring and review of the MIDP, and component programs, which include modernization and expansion of domestic shipping and promotion, expansion of the overseas shipping industry.

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MARINA GRATEFUL FOR PBBM...

The plan is highly focused on enhancing the Philippine Merchant Fleet, expanding domestic and overseas shipping industries, and promoting a skilled maritime workforce aligns perfectly with our goals of economic growth and global competitiveness.

The MARINA also stressed the staunch support of the Department of Transportation (DOTr), headed by Secretary Jaime J. Bautista, in the development and updating of the MIDP. The collaborative efforts between the Agency, the DOTr along with its partner agencies have been

The modernization, expansion and promotion of shipbuilding and ship repair industry; promotion of highly-skilled and competitive maritime workforce; enhancement of maritime transport safety and security; and promotion of environmentally sustainable maritime industry are also part of the component programs.

Component programs also include the implementation of a sustainable maritime innovation, transformation, digitalization and knowledge center; and adoption of an effective and efficient maritime administration governance system.

All government agencies and instrumentalities must also align and harmonize their policies and courses of action to ensure its effective implementation while an MIDP Technical Board (TB) is created to assist the board in implementing, monitoring, updating and reviewing the program.

The MIDP TB will be composed of MARINA Board representatives with rank not lower than of an Assistant Secretary, or its equivalent while the board may invite or enjoin participation of other relevant agencies or instrumentalities as additional members, whenever necessary in the performance and functions of the MIDP TB. (PCO-Presidential News Desk)

instrumental in shaping the strategic direction of the Philippine maritime industry.

With this development, the MARINA ensures that it is committed to working closely with the relevant government agencies, the private sector, and other stakeholders for the effective implementation of the MIDP.



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MARINA LEADS PH DELEGATION TO IMO...



Members of the Philippine delegation are all smiles after the 10th HTW in London, United Kingdom

and measures to facilitate mandatory seagoing service are also discussed. The session also follows through the move for ensuring just transition for seafarers in view of decarbonization in the maritime sector.

In HTW 10, the Philippines participated in finalizing the draft list of areas under the STCW Convention and STCW Code which will be subjected to review, the draft methodology which will be adopted to tackle the work, and the road map of activities which are aimed to culminate in 2027. Lessons learned from previous comprehensive amendments, particularly during the Manila Amendments in 2010 were recalled as basis for establishing Inter-Sessional Working Groups (ISWG) and Correspondence Groups which will be convened to ensure effective coordination and avoid any unintended consequences that may arise from adopting changes.

The Philippines co-sponsored two papers in HTW 10: Reports on unlawful practices associated with Certificates of Competency which was submitted with Japan and Panama; and the Proposal to incorporate recommendations on Polar Code training programs which was submitted with Argentina, Canada, Chile, Georgia, Malaysia, South Africa and Türkiye.

During the session, two model courses were validated: IMO Model Course 1.32 on Operational use of integrated bridge systems including integrated navigation systems, and IMO Model Course 1.35 on Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) tanker cargo and ballast handling simulator.

The PH Delegation, under the leadership of Administrator Sonia B. Malaluan, is committed to proactively participate in all initiatives with utmost regard to seafarers as a key element for the safety and security of life at sea, protection of the marine environment, and promotion of sustainable shipping through cooperation.

MARINA, GLOBAL GREEN GROWTH INSTITUTE SIGN MOU



The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) and the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at the MARINA Central Office, to strengthen cooperation on green growth initiatives in the maritime industry on 14 February 2024.

The MOU aims to provide a framework of cooperation and facilitate collaboration between the Parties in support of enhancing the sustainability of the Philippines' maritime industry in the context of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Paris Climate Agreement.

Under the agreement, GGGI and MARINA will cooperate for a greener maritime sector, which is to strengthen green growth principles and focus on decarbonization; and a collaboration ecosystem, which is to enhance synergy among stakeholders and advanced sustainable transport initiatives.

The MOU was signed by GGGI Country Representative Marcel Silvius and MARINA Administrator Sonia B. Malaluan and witnessed by Mr. Jonathan Catalla, Renewable Energy Officer, GGGI and Engr. Emmanuel B. Carpio, Director, Marine Environment Protection and Development Service. The event was attended by representatives and key officials/personnel from both organizations.

MALALUAN ASSUMES AS CHAIRPERSON TOGETHER WITH NEW TPME MEMBERS; PLEDGE COMMITMENT DURING OATH TAKING CEREMONY



MARINA Administrator Malaluan [2nd from right] takes oath as the TPME Chair, along with other Technical Panel members before Commission on Higher Education Commissioner De Vera

In a significant stride towards advancing the standards of maritime education in the country, the newly reconstituted Technical Panel for Maritime Education (TPME) held its oath taking ceremony administered by CHED Chair J. Prospero De Vera III on 16 February 2024 at the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Central Office.

The ceremony marks the commencement of MARINA Administrator Sonia B. Malaluan's pivotal role of shaping policies and standards related to maritime education in the Philippines. Under the Administrator's guidance, the Technical Panel aims to address current challenges, incorporate industry advancements, and enhance the curriculum to meet global standards.

Alongside Administrator Malaluan, the TPME comprises CHED Executive Director Atty. Cinderella Filipina S. Benitez-Jaro, Association of Marine Officers' and Seamen's Union of the Philippines (AMOSUP) Executive Vice President VAdm Eduardo Ma R Santos AFP (Ret), Philippine Association of Maritime Institutions (PAMI) Chairman Engr. Felix M. Oca, MARINA STCW Office Executive Director Mr. Samuel L. Batalla, EPIC Ship Management - ROHQ Training Manager C/E Jaime B. Morales, Avior Marine Inc. President Capt. Gregory Nick R. Sevilla, Joint Manning

Group Board of Director Ms. Josephine J. Francisco, PTC Group of Companies Business Development Executive Director Ms. Katherine R. Avelino, and BW Shipping Philippines, Inc. Asian Region Manager C/E Manuel B. Umali.

Administrator Malaluan expressed gratitude for the opportunity, emphasizing the importance of aligning educational initiatives with the dynamic requirements of the maritime industry.

"As TPME, we have one goal — to ensure that graduates of Maritime Higher Education Institutions (MHEIs), our future seafarers, are compliant with international standards," Administrator Malaluan emphasized.

She also stressed the need for a stronger and unified partnership, not only between MARINA and CHED but with all stakeholders, encouraging a whole-of-nation approach.

The program also included a ceremonial signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between CHED and the Center for Educational Measurement, Inc. (CEM). This MOA pertains to the development of the National Maritime Admission Test (NaMMAT), which aims to ensure that only qualified students are granted entry to the BS Maritime program.

MARINA, GLOBAL GREEN GROWTH...

Speaking at the ceremony, Mr. Silvius expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to know MARINA up close and looks forward to more opportunities like this. He emphasized that beyond the signing of an MOU, the real and actual collaboration that will take place from now on involves the meeting of minds and brainstorming on how both parties could move forward. “We (GGGI) are here to support you. Your program, your ideas, your vision on green growth—we will push or pull a little bit, and perhaps bring forth fresh and new ideas, new innovation in the process,” he affirmed.

He further expressed his support for more collaboration as a result of the approved Maritime Industry Development Plan (MIDP).

For her part, Administrator Malaluan expressed her gratitude and enthusiasm for how GGGI pursued MARINA and initiated this cooperation on green growth in light of decarbonization.

“We at the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) continue to foster the much-needed collaboration with governments, businesses, and civil societies in support of the IMO’s GHG Strategy, such as the decarbonization of international shipping, and eventually, will redound to domestic shipping as well,” she added.

“We do not have a choice but to foster cooperation on green growth. It is a necessity that the challenges posed by climate change are too great for any one country or organization to tackle alone,” she concluded her message.

The MOU between GGGI and MARINA is expected to pave the way for joint initiatives, research projects, and policy recommendations that will support the Philippines’ transition to a low-carbon and climate-resilient maritime industry.

MARINA, DOST-PCIEERD RENEW PARTNERSHIP TO HIGHLIGHT NEW RESEARCH DIRECTIONS IN THE MARITIME INDUSTRY



MARINA officials, along with the DOST-PCIEERD, key stakeholders pose for a group photo during the Maritime Science and Technology Forum 2024 held in Pasay City

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) and Department of Science and Technology-Philippine Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology Research and Development (DOST-PCIEERD) hosted the Maritime Science and Technology Forum 2024 in Pasay City on 29 February 2024.

With the theme “Responsive Research and Development on Emerging Maritime Technologies,” the forum showcased the outputs of research and development projects undertaken by various research

institutes and academies through the Science and Technology for Maritime Transport Application (STMTA). Before the forum proper, different government officials and maritime stakeholders gathered for the SESSY E-Boat Demonstration at Manila Yacht Club, which is one of the remarkable accomplishments of the STMTA.

The highlight of the forum was the renewal of cooperation through the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) which was signed by PCIEERD Executive...

MARINA ADMIN WELCOMES SPAIN'S ASTILLEROS GONDAN SHIPBUILDERS, CINTRANAVAL; DISCUSSES AGENCY'S CAMPAIGN ON MODERNIZATION OF PH FLEET



MARINA Administrator [center left] and key officers from century-old Astilleros Gondan Shipbuilders, and CintranaVal pose for a group photo after discussing possible areas of collaboration in terms of modernizing the fleet of the Philippines

With nearly a century of experience in shipbuilding, Astilleros Gondan Shipbuilders expressed their interest in participating in the Philippine maritime industry through the sharing of knowledge on shipbuilding technology before MARINA Administrator Sonia Malaluan during a meeting held on 20 February 2024.

The shipbuilding company showcased its high-standard quality ships and facilities in its shipyards, emphasizing its commitment to excellence.

The MARINA Administrator for her part,

discussed the Agency's campaign towards The MARINA Administrator for her part, discussed the Agency's campaign towards modernizing domestic ships, as well as fishing vessels.

This meeting highlighted MARINA's pivotal role as a catalyst for international partnerships and investments in the Philippine maritime sector. By facilitating discussions with shipbuilders, MARINA aims to drive economic growth, enhance infrastructure, and promote job modernizing domestic ships, as well as fishing vessels

MARINA, EU CRIMARIO FORTIFIES COLLABORATION; ENHANCES UTILIZATION OF IORIS PLATFORM



Enforcement Service Director Bandalaria [rightmost] together with EU Crimario Project SEA EU Representative Chiric [leftmost front] convene to discuss collaboration, and utilization of the IORIS platform

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) and the EU Crimario are deepening their collaboration to bolster their partnership concerning the operational utilization of the Indo-Pacific Regional Information Sharing (IORIS) platform. Director Ronaldo P.

Bandalaria of the Enforcement Service (ES) and Mr. Alexandru Chiric, Southeast Asia EU Project Representative of the EU Crimario Project, convened on February 14, 2024, to discuss the platform's development.

MARINA, DOST-PCIEERD RENEW...

Director Dr. Enrico Paringit and MARINA Administrator Sonia Malaluan. A pre-resolution was also signed by the participants to formalize their commitment in participating in research and development initiatives that would create a culture of safer people, cleaner environment and energy-efficient ships in the domestic shipping sector.

During the said event, PCIEERD Executive Director Dr. Enrico Paringit provided a brief discussion on Maritime Transport Science and Technology Roadmap, as well as the STMTA accomplishments and projects from 2017 to 2023.

MARINA Administrator Sonia Malaluan said that emerging technology will continue to play a major role for the maritime sector to pursue its path towards a safer, more sustainable and resilient future. Malaluan added that they will come up with a research and development agenda that is in line with the effective implementation of the Maritime Industry Development Plan (MIDP) 2028. She also highlights the importance of the Maritime Science and Technology Pre-Resolution, particularly in ensuring the commitment of both government and private sector towards a more progressive Philippine maritime industry during the era of 'Bagong Pilipinas.'

Furthermore, MARINA Chief of Staff and Shipyards Regulation Service Director II Engr. Ramon Hernandez presented the MIDP 2028 programs, and has identified its science and technologies and research and development agenda per program of the said plan.

MARINA, LAWMAKER DISCUSS LOW-COST AND SAFE SHIP OPERATIONS IN BATANES

With the aim of enhancing maritime safety in the country, the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) and a lawmaker tackled the importance of compliance to safety rules and regulations.

MARINA Administrator Sonia Malaluan and Batanes lone District Rep. Ciriaco Gato Jr. discussed how the Agency can assist the passenger boat operators in Batanes, particularly in complying with the policies related to maritime safety.

During the meeting at the MARINA Central Office on 01 February 2024, the Administrator and Cong.



Gato also discussed actions to be taken to reduce the costs of boat operators in their daily operations in Batanes without compromising the safety of the vessels.

The MARINA also intends to establish a satellite office in Batanes to facilitate the issuance of certificates and other necessary requirements of boat operators and maritime stakeholders in Region 2.

MARINA BOLSTERS SAFETY AND SECURITY MEASURES IN RORO PASSENGER SHIPS

In a proactive move to enhance safety and security measures within the maritime sector, the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) has intensified its efforts by spearheading Compliance Monitoring activities across Visayas and Mindanao regions from January 23rd to February 7th, 2024.

Led by its Enforcement Service (ES), three specialized teams were deployed to various locations in these regions to meticulously assess and verify the compliance of RoRo passenger ships with safety regulations mandated by the Administration. Leveraging technical assistance from the French Government, MARINA enforcers were equipped to conduct comprehensive compliance monitoring in adherence to existing safety protocols governing domestic ships. This initiative, endorsed by the MARINA Administrator, underscores the Administration's unwavering commitment to ensuring the safety and security of the traveling public.

Moreover, the Enforcement Service has implemented a swift information feedback mechanism, fostering direct engagement with passengers and stakeholders. During onboard

inspections, QR Code stickers were prominently displayed, enabling passengers to provide real-time feedback, whether it be complaints, comments, or commendations regarding services or safety

concerns. MARINA promptly addresses any issues raised, further reinforcing its dedication to maintaining high standards of safety and service within the maritime industry.

MARINA ASSURES ACTIVE COORDINATION WITH DOH, OTHER PARTNER AGENCIES TO SUSTAIN FULL, COMPLETE COMPLIANCE TO STCW CONVENTION



STCW Office Executive Director Batalla [center] and staff, together with DOH-HFSRB take a group photo after a coordination meeting -- which forms part of MARINA's thrust to collaborate with other government agencies for full and complete implementation of STCW Convention 1978, as amended

The MARINA – STCW Office conducted a coordination meeting with the Health Facilities and Services Regulatory Bureau (HFSRB) of the Department of Health (DOH). The meeting is part of MARINA's commitment to actively collaborate with partner agencies to sustain the full and complete implementation of the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended.

The HFSRB is the service unit of the DOH responsible for the accreditation of Medical Facilities for Overseas Workers and Seafarers (MFOWS) and recognition of Medical Practitioners (MPs) assessing the medical fitness of seafarers for service at sea.

The meeting provided an opportunity to refresh on the requirements of Regulation I/9 on Medical Standards. Concerns related to enrolment of MFOWS and MPs in the surveillance, accreditation and monitoring information system (SAM-IS) of MARINA was also discussed. Issues encountered from actual medical certificates submitted by seafarers and the corresponding information encoded by MFOWS in the MARINA Integrated Seafarers Management Online (MISMO) System were also jointly reviewed to streamline the process of issuance of Certificates of Competency (COC) and Certificates of Proficiencies (COP) to seafarers.

MARINA CONDUCTS SPECIALIZED TRAINING OF TRAINERS FOR IGF COURSE, STRENGTHENING PHIL'S READINESS FOR IMO STRATEGY ON GHG EMISSION REDUCTION

In preparation for the Philippines' compliance with the IMO Strategy on the reduction of GHG Emissions from ships, the STCW Office of the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), in collaboration with the Philippine Center for Advanced Maritime Simulation and Training (PHILCAMSAT), and Kongsberg Digital AS, conducted a Training of Trainers for the IGF Course. The Opening Program on 20 February 2024 at PHILCAMSAT in Makati City was led by STCW Office Executive Director Samuel L. Batalla.

Recognizing capacity development as one of the key elements in complying with international

conventions, in which the Philippines is a party, and consistent with the 10-year Maritime Industry Development Plan 2028 (MIDP), this initiative highlights a strategic approach towards fulfilling obligations and enhancing maritime capabilities in response to global standards and emerging technologies.

The Training of Trainers for the IGF Course was conducted to ensure that there will be a sufficient pool of qualified instructors and assessors accredited by MARINA. The course covered simulation exercises on bunkering, firefighting, and extinguishing operations. It also covered a review on the principles of adult

MARINA CONDUCTS SPECIALIZED TRAINING...



Participants of the Specialized Training of Trainers for IGF Course and STCW Office Executive Director smile for a photo to commemorate the trainers' training

learning and the preparation of the Instructor's Guide. It can be recalled that MARINA issued standards for both Basic and Advanced Training for Ships Subject to IGF Courses in 2020. To date, seven (7) training providers are approved to conduct the Basic Course, and four (4) are approved for the Advanced Course.

The specialized Training of Trainers for the IGF Course was facilitated by Capt. Quentin N. Cox and C/E Sherrain Dominguez from PHILCAMSAT, and Ms. Presca Lee B. Lugo from the STCW Office of MARINA. Capt. Archievald Camba and Mr. Donnie Bagang of Green Marine Engineering (Singapore) served as validators for the training.

GERMAN SHIPOWNERS' ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS MARINA'S STRATEGIC INITIATIVES FOR PHILIPPINES' MARITIME INDUSTRY ADVANCEMENT



German Shipowners' Association CEO Dr. Martin Kroger [4th from left] and MARINA Administrator [center] along with other agency officials convene for a meeting to tackle the country's seafaring and shipping industry

German Shipowners' Association CEO Dr. Martin Kröger has expressed interest in supporting the crucial initiatives of the Philippines' Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) Administrator Sonia Malaluan which aimed at bolstering the country's seafaring and shipping industry during a meeting on 27 February 2024 in Manila.

Among the topics tackled were efforts to advance standards and processes for the comprehensive training, education, and certification of seafarers to meet the evolving demands of the industry. Both parties also explored collaborating on a Just Transition framework, focusing on preparing seafarers for the shift towards low-carbon shipping.

Enhancing the Philippine ship registry system to promote safety, compliance, and competitiveness in the global market was another key aspect of the conversation. Additionally, discussions revolved around supporting the growth and innovation of the domestic shipbuilding industry through incentives and strategic partnerships.

Emphasizing the paramount importance of maritime safety and its connection with marine environment protection, both entities underscored their commitment to sustainable practices and ecosystem preservation.

MARINA HOSTS 142ND TRANSPORTATION SECURITY COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TSCC) CONFERENCE



Transport Security officials and representatives from various government agencies gather for the 142nd TSCC session in MARINA Central Office

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) hosted the 142nd TSSC chaired by the Office of the Transport Security (OTS) at the MARINA Board Room on 13 February 2024.

During her opening remarks, Administrator Malaluan emphasized the importance of strong alliance and connectivity among various agencies having consistent and common goals – providing secure, safe and convenient means of transport whether by seas, roads, rail or air to the riding public. The intelligence network and information sharing is a great factor towards a better public service for the betterment of the nation- “Para sa Pilipino ang

Bagong Pilipinas”. It was also stressed that MARINA supports the collaboration and partnership efforts among agency partners which is included in her 10-Point Maritime Agenda through “Charting a Clean Course Safety Sailing Together”.

Among the security issues arising from the maritime sector, the 142nd TSCC was highlighted in the briefing of the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) on the plight of the Overseas Filipino Workers in conflict zones and the critical role of transportation in securing the well-being of the OFWs. The DMW was the newest and 41st member of the TSCC.

PHL COMMITS PARTICIPATION TO SMART-C PROGRAMME



The Philippines' Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) commits to participate in the SMART-C Programme during an inception meeting held in Manila

To further strengthen the country's collaborative mechanisms with international bodies such as the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the

Republic of Korea (RoK) for a safe, advanced, and sustainable maritime sector, the Philippines, through the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), commits to participate in the Sustainable Maritime Transport

Cooperation (SMART-C) Programme during the inception meeting held at the MARINA Building, Port Area, Manila on 28 February 2024.

As defined by the IMO, the SMART-C Programme aims to promote sustainable maritime transport systems and the marine environment through knowledge-building and technical capacity in developing countries via long-term projects. The SMART-C Programme is composed of various projects, with the Philippines being one of the beneficiary countries: a) SMART-C Women Project; b) SMART-C Traffic Project; and c) SMART-C GHG Project.

The SMART-C Women Project aims to contribute to gender equality by increasing employment opportunities for women in the maritime sector in developing countries and providing training to help women advance their careers in related industries. The SMART-C GHG Project, on the other hand, is intended to support developing countries in decarbonizing the shipping sector by establishing a management and analysis system for GHG emission data from ships. Lastly, the SMART-C Traffic Project aims to develop, operate, and pilot an e-navigation service that can efficiently analyze and manage maritime safety information in an internet-based environment.

MARINA, CMA CGM PHILIPPINES COLLABORATE ON ENHANCING MARITIME INDUSTRY AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE



Officials from the MARINA, and CMA CGM Philippines take a photo to commemorate their collaboration to enhance the industry, and regulatory compliance

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) and CMA CGM Philippines discussed the important matters in the Philippine maritime industry particularly in domestic shipping, maritime safety and marine environment protection.

MARINA Administrator Sonia Malaluan underscored the possible areas of collaboration that would contribute to the enhancement of ease of doing business, operational flexibility, as well as the improvement of the domestic shipping and maritime industry in general.

During the meeting at the MARINA Central Office, Port Area, Manila on 08 February 2024, the two parties also talked about the digitization project

of the MARINA that will streamline the process of necessary requirements on the operations of ships and MC DS-2023-02 on the implementation of RA 11659 entitled "An Act Amending Commonwealth Act No. 146, otherwise known as the Public Service Act, as amended."

The MARINA and CMA CGM Philippines also briefly discussed the implementation of MARINA Circular No. SR-2020-06, particularly the provision of all Philippine registered ships plying in domestic trade compliance with the 0.50% m/m fuel oil Sulphur content limit by 01 January 2025. The MARINA has been reviewing the position of different shipping companies on the implementation of the said policy.

REGIONAL NEWS

MARINA BUILDING CONSTRUCTION IN MISAMIS ORIENTAL NOW 54%



The construction of the MARINA Cagayan de Oro (CDO) Office Building in El Salvador City, Misamis Oriental, has made significant strides, reaching 54.35% completion.

On February 15, 2024, MARINA-CDO, in collaboration with the Department of Public Works

and Highways Region 10 (DPWH Region 10), conducted thorough project supervision at the construction site. With these developments, the office building is on track to be fully completed within the year, providing a promising hub for MARINA operations in the region.

MARINA-BATANGAS PARTNERS WITH MARINDUQUE PDRRMO TO ENSURE SAFE SHIPPING OPERATIONS



The MARINA-Batangas and the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO) of Marinduque joined forces to address concerns regarding shipping operations in the province on 29 February 2024.

During the discussion, the PDRRMO sought

insights into the operational aspects of concerned shipping companies to ensure the safety and security of maritime activities during the busy holiday period. In response, MRO4 extended its full cooperation, providing valuable information and assistance to effectively meet the PDRRMO's needs.

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MARINA-SURIGAO COLLABORATES WITH DPWH ON REGIONAL OFFICE CONSTRUCTION PLANS



MARINA-Surigao Director Dr. Ninfa Dominguez-Martinez convened with officials from the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) District Office in Surigao del Norte on 5 February 2024 to

discuss the third phase of construction plans for the MRO13 Building, architectural details, timelines, and sustainable practices.

MARINA-CEBU JOINS DIALOGUE MEETING TO ADDRESS DIVING AND FISHING CONCERNS IN NEGROS ORIENTAL



The MARINA-Dumaguete Extension Office (DExO) took part in a dialogue meeting organized by the Provincial Tourism Office alongside Hon. Manuel “Chaco” L. Sagabarría, Governor of Negros Oriental, and other key stakeholders held at in Negros Oriental on 13 February 2024.

included the upcoming Dauin Jetty Port, concerns over rampant spearfishing within MPAs, and the broader impact of fishing activities on the region’s tourism sector. Deliberations highlighted the necessity of establishing a regulatory framework to govern and restrict spearfishing, both within and outside MPAs, with a focus on imposing stiffer penalties to deter unauthorized fishing practices.

Key topics discussed during the conference

REGIONAL NEWS

MARINA-ZAMBOANGA, ZAMBOANGA STATE COLLEGE CONDUCT MARITIME TRAINING PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY



The MARINA-Zamboanga, in partnership with the College of Maritime Education (CME) of Zamboanga State College of Marine Sciences and Technology (ZSCMST), organized a two-day Training Program from 24-25 February 2024 in Barangay Mampang, Zamboanga City.

The training program featured lectures and practical sessions on Modified Basic Safety Training (MBST), covering five modules, and Basic Navigation and Seamanship Course. This initiative is part of the extension program of CME-ZSCMST, aimed at

providing comprehensive maritime knowledge at a community level.

Led by OIC-Director Farida T. Cunanan, PhD., the training covered essential aspects such as fire prevention, first aid, personal survival techniques, safety responsibilities, and typhoon awareness. The program targeted operators of fishing vessels and recreational boats in the area, focusing on enhancing their skills and knowledge to ensure safety at sea and protect the marine environment.

MARINA-DAVAO PARTICIPATES IN MINDANAO MARITIME SECURITY ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION



The MARINA-Davao participated in a Round Table Discussion (RTD) on Mindanao Maritime Security, held in Davao City on 23 February 2024.

Hosted by the Center for Politics and International Affairs of Ateneo de Davao University in collaboration with the United States Embassy in the Philippines, the RTD delved into the importance,

challenges, and opportunities of maritime security in Mindanao. The discussion aimed to propose policies to enhance economic progress in the region.

RD Orongan, for her part, called for educational advancements, particularly in the maritime sector, including shipbuilding, manpower, and ancillary services.

REGIONAL NEWS

MARINA-ILOILO, SIPALA OFFICIALS COLLABORATE TO ENHANCE RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY



The MARINA-Iloilo convened a meeting with Sipalay Mayor Maria Gina M. Lizares and Philippine Coast Guard Station Negros Occidental's CG LTJG Carla G. Mayang at the MRO VI – Bacolod Extension Office on 12 February 2024, to address the registration of recreational boats operating in Sipalay, Negros Occidental.

Mayor Lizares emphasized Sipalay City's pivotal role as a tourism destination in Negros Occidental and stressed the necessity of registering boats due to the growing demand for recreational sailing within the Sipalay islands.

Meanwhile, MARINA-Iloilo Regional Director Jeffrey Bangsa committed MARINA's support to boat operators and the local government, proposing direct assistance through a potential MARINA one-stop-shop program in the area, and pledged support for the city's future endeavors and underscored the importance of sustained inter-agency dialogue and cooperation to enhance public services.

MARINA SUSPENDS CERTS OF FERRY, WATER TAXI IN BATANGAS COLLISION

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) suspended the recreational safety certificate of Hop & Go 1 and the passenger ship safety certificate of Ocean Jet 6, Administrator Sonia Malaluan said, following the collision incident between two passenger ships in Batangas.

MARINA-BICOL JOINS 1Q SCTM MEETING TO ENHANCE TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT IN BICOL REGION

The MARINA-Bicol joined in the 1st Quarter Sub-Committee on Transport Management (SCTM) meeting held at NEDA Region V, Arimbay, Legazpi City on 28 February 2024.

The meeting served as a platform to discuss crucial issues affecting transport operations in the region. Among the topics deliberated were the establishment of an Anti-Colorum Task Force to combat illegal transport activities, preparations for the Bicol Transportation Summit 2024, and updates on the issuance of Land Transportation Office (LTO) license plates.

During the discussions, the approval of the Anti-Colorum Task Force by the Bicol Regional Development Council (RDC) highlighted a significant step towards addressing unauthorized transportation activities within the region. Plans for the organizational structure and operation of the Task Force were thoroughly discussed, emphasizing the importance of collaboration among relevant agencies to ensure its effectiveness.

PUBLIC ADVISORY

To ensure the quality and integrity of trainings and assessments carried out by Maritime Training Institutions (MTIs) and Assessment Centers (ACs), the MARINA STCW Office encourages all maritime stakeholders to promptly **report any encountered issues or concerns** through:

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 55

ADOPTING THE TEN-YEAR MARITIME INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2028

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree (PD) No. 474 (s. 1974) or the "Maritime Industry Decree of 1974," as amended, created the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) to accelerate the integrated development of the maritime industry of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Section 5 of PD No. 474 mandated the preparation and annual updating of a Ten (10)-Year Maritime Industry Development Program (MIDP) that contains a rational and integrated development plan of the maritime industry for submission to, and approval by, the President;

WHEREAS, to fully realize our potential as a maritime nation, the country requires a clearly defined and coordinated roadmap that shall accelerate the integrated development of the Philippine Maritime Industry;

WHEREAS, the MIDP envisions a strong and reliable Philippine Merchant Fleet that addresses the sea transport requirements of the archipelago in support of national development, consistent with the country's *AmBisyon Natin* 2040 of a strongly rooted, comfortable and secure life for all Filipinos;

WHEREAS, the Administration's Eight (8)-Point Socioeconomic Agenda seeks to improve transportation and the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028 aims to enhance inter-sectoral linkages by accelerating the development of a globally competitive maritime industry while positioning the country as a key aviation hub in Asia;

WHEREAS, to ensure the effective implementation of the MIDP, it is imperative that all government agencies and instrumentalities align and harmonize their policies and courses of action with the 10-Year MIDP; and

WHEREAS, Section 17, Article VII of the Constitution vests in the President the power of control over all Executive departments, bureaus and offices, and ensure the faithful execution of laws;

THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

and instrumentalities with relevant mandates. Representatives to the TWG/s shall have a rank not lower than that of a Director or its equivalent.

The MIDP TB and the TWGs shall meet every quarter, or as frequently as may be deemed necessary by the MARINA Administrator or the MARINA Board.

The MARINA shall provide secretariat services to the MIDP TB and its TWGs.

Section 4. Functions of the MIDP Technical Board. The MIDP TB shall perform the following functions, subject to the control and supervision of the MARINA Board:

- Review, monitor and recommend approval of MIDP-related policies and programs to the MARINA Board;
- Periodically conduct comprehensive review of the MIDP, using evidence-driven approaches and internationally recognized standards and best practices, and develop pertinent policy and implementation guidelines thereof for the approval of the MARINA Board;
- Establish an integrated database and information system following a specific statistical framework for the maritime industry which will address the information needed for monitoring, reviewing and updating the MIDP-related policies and programs, in coordination with the Philippine Statistics Authority;
- Prepare progress and performance reports for review and information of the MARINA Board; and
- Perform other functions as may be requested by the MARINA Administrator or the MARINA Board.

Section 5. Funding. The funding requirements for the implementation of this Order shall be charged against current and available appropriations of MARINA and other relevant agencies, subject to pertinent budgeting, accounting, and auditing laws, rules and regulations. Thereafter, the funding requirements necessary for the continued implementation of this Order shall be included in the budget proposals of the MARINA and other relevant agencies, subject to the usual budget preparation process.

Section 6. Communication Plan. The MARINA shall implement the Communication Plan included as part of the MIDP, in coordination with the Presidential Communications Office.

Section 7. Report. A progress report on the status of implementation of this Order and the MIDP shall be submitted by the MARINA to the Office of the President, through the Office of the Executive Secretary, within six (6) months from the implementation of this Order, and every year thereafter.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR., President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby order:

Section 1. Adoption and Implementation. Pursuant to Section 5 of PD No. 474, the Maritime Industry Development Plan 2028 is hereby approved and adopted as the whole of nation roadmap for the integrated development and strategic direction of the maritime industry.

Towards this end, the MARINA Board shall adopt a system for the effective implementation, monitoring and review of the MIDP, and its component programs as follows:

- Modernization and expansion of domestic shipping;
- Promotion and expansion of the overseas shipping industry;
- Modernization, expansion and promotion of shipbuilding and ship repair industry;
- Promotion of highly-skilled and competitive maritime workforce;
- Enhancement of maritime transport safety and security;
- Promotion of environmentally sustainable maritime industry;
- Implementation of a sustainable maritime innovation, transformation, digitalization and knowledge center; and
- Adoption of an effective and efficient maritime administration governance system.

Section 2. Convergence. Pursuant to Section 5 of PD No. 474, all relevant national government agencies and instrumentalities, including government-owned or -controlled corporations, government financial institutions, and state universities and colleges, are hereby directed, and all local government units are hereby encouraged, to implement the MIDP, as well as the plans, programs and strategies identified therein that are relevant to their respective mandates.

Section 3. MIDP Technical Board. An MIDP Technical Board (TB) is hereby created to assist the MARINA Board in the implementation, monitoring, updating and review of the MIDP.

The MIDP TB shall be initially composed of the representatives of the MARINA Board under Section 7 of PD No. 474, with rank not lower than that of an Assistant Secretary or its equivalent. The MARINA Board may invite or enjoin participation of other relevant agencies or instrumentalities as additional members, whenever necessary in the performance and functions of the MIDP TB.

The MARINA Board may create technical working groups (TWG) based on the component programs identified in the MIDP, consisting of representatives of agencies

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Such progress report shall contain annual targets, accomplishments and data on budget utilization, as may be applicable, on each of the programs identified in the MIDP.

Section 8. Separability. If any section or part of this Order is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 9. Repeal. All other orders, guidelines, rules, regulations, and issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 10. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately upon publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 8th day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.

By the President:

LUCAS P. BERSAMIN
Executive Secretary

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