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**MARINA HOLDS CONSULTATIVE MEET WITH
MARITIME ENTERPRISES**



The Maritime Industry Authority held the 1st Consultative Meeting with the members of the Philippine Ship Agents Association (PSAA), Association of International Shipping Lines, Inc. (AISL) and other maritime enterprises on 12 October 2017 at the AMOSUP Convention Hall, Intramuros, Manila. The Meeting was convened for the purpose of a joint collaboration between the government and the industry stakeholders towards the formulation of a roadmap for the Overseas Shipping Sector Maritime Industry Development Plan (MIDP) for the next ten years.

Chaired by the MARINA Administrator Marcial Quirico C. Amaro III, PhD, the Meeting was well attended by about one hundred attendees representing PSAA, AISL and other maritime enterprises.

Administrator Amaro gave a presentation on the framework of the Ten Year MIDP where he recognized the shared responsibility between the government and private sector in ensuring compliance with global rules and raising standards of shipping in view of the Philippine interest as a labour supplying country and strength in shipbuilding and ship repair, and the vision of developing the Philippines as a maritime hub.

Among the national maritime strategies presented by Atty. Jean Ver P. Pia, Director of the Overseas Shipping Service, are the promotion and expansion of the Philippine Ship Registry including infrastructure, port facilities and support services; ensure responsible membership of the Philippines in the international maritime community; development and improvement of maritime routes and sea-linkages to ensure connection; and provision of favorable climate for investment in the shipping industry. The private sector representatives were

also engaged during the afternoon workshop to identify the sector's issues and concerns and their proposed resolution.

In advance of the roadmapping workshops for the MIDP, the MARINA have met with Overseas Shipping Sector stakeholders quarterly last 11 January 2017, 07 June 2017 and 22 August 2017. The next meeting of the Overseas Shipping Sector will be on 20 December 2017 as an opportune time to conduct its Year End Assessment of their accomplishment for 2017 and Plan for the Year 2018 and beyond.

The underlying objective of these activities is to enhance measures for a stronger and more reliable shipping service that promotes maritime safety, security and protection of the marine environment.

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