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HISTORIC IMO MANILA MEET ON PASSENGER SHIPS' SAFETY



International Maritime Organization (IMO) Secretary-General Koji Sekimizu (seated left), together with Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) Secretary Joseph Emilio 'Jun' Aguinaldo Abaya (seated center) and Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) Administrator Dr. Maximo Q. Mejia, Jr. (PhD) (seated right) lead delegates in launching the "Manila Statement" viz-a-viz the historic April 24, 2015 'IMO Conference on the Enhancement of Safety of Ships Carrying Passengers on Non-International Voyages' held at PICC.. The "Manila Statement" is IMO's bold step to address the urgent call of time to prevent casualties and accidents involving domestic passenger ferries.. The historic maritime event was attended by IMO member- states and observers from various international maritime organizations. Also in photo are

delegates Dr. Tom Allan, IMO; Prof. Dracos Vasallos, UK; Ms. Abigail Golden, WFSA; Director Nicolaos Charalambous, IMO; Mr. Akihiko Ikeda, JETO, Singapore Office; Mr. Mike Langley, UK; Dr. Yoshitaka Ogawa, NMRI, Japan; GM Paul Unas, NMSA, Papua New Guinea; Ambassador Gilbert Asuque (Phils.), MARINA deputy administrators Gloria Banas, Nicasio Conti and Herminio Estaniel, Jr., Mr. Thierry Nervale, Pacific Community; Mr. Johan Roos, Interferry; Mr. Paul Saddler, IACS; Prof. Jens –Uwe Schroder-Hinrichs, WMU; Mr. Christopher Pastrana, PROA, Phils. and MARINA directors Arsenio Lingad II and Ramon Hernandez, among others. Around 200 participants, including delegates and observers from 13 IMO-member nations attended the big maritime meet.

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The Maritime Industry Authority is an attached agency of the Department of Transportation and Communications tasked to accelerate the integrated development of the maritime industry in the country. It has been implementing reforms and programs to transform the country's domestic shipping industry to global competitiveness and the MARINA into a premiere maritime administration in Southeast Asia. For more information, visit marina.gov.ph.

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