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MEJIA LEADS CEREMONIAL OATH TAKING OF OFFICERS



Manila, Philippines – **“Kayo ang mukha ng bagong marino”** said MARINA Administrator Maximo Q. Mejia Jr. during a Ceremonial Oath Taking held on May 20, 2015 at the MARINA Central Office. Certificated OIC Navigational Watchkeeping and OIC-Engine Watchkeeping are Marlon S. Decena, Jan Lemuel D.C. Mallorca, John Ray M.

Espina and Mark Arvin D.C. Oliveros, respectively. Mejia was referring to the new system introduced by MARINA as Single Administrator for the implementation and enforcement of the STCW Convention pursuant to Republic Act No. 10635.



Administrator Mejia remarked that it was a historic moment because

they were among the pioneers to accomplish the assessments with the new system. Present during the oath taking were the Deputy Administrator for Regional Concerns,

Capt. Herminio P. Estaniel, the boards for marine deck and engine officers, the division chiefs of STCW Office and the proud parents of the new officers.

Decena, Mallorca, Espina and Oliveros were issued with Certificate of Competency (COC) and MARINA License ID. Seafarers who completed licensure, assessment and certification may take their oath at the said office, through the Examination and Assessment Division. Mejia also announced that the STCW Office is now ISO Certified.

“From January to April 2015, MARINA has conducted theoretical examinations to a total of 3,370 examinees with 77% passing rate. At present, the computer based examination system is administered at the MARINA Central Office and at the AMOSUP facility.” revealed Atty. Jabeth Sena Jepath A. Dacanay, Deputy Executive Director of STCW Office. She further added that starting June of this year, the application for theoretical exams may now be submitted at MARINA regional offices for pre- screening of documentary requirements.

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