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### MEJIA WELCOMES NEW MARINA JICA EXPERT

Manila, Philippines. Administrator Maximo Q Mejia Jr welcomed on Friday, 31 July 2015, Mr. Tomoyuki Fukuhara as MARINA's new JICA Expert replacing Mr. Kazuo Kotani who had been recalled to assume a new position in Japan.

During the turn-over ceremony, Administrator Mejia conveyed to Mr. Kotani his appreciation and recognition for the outstanding work which he had done for the Philippines, particularly for the MARINA in advancing its work in the area of maritime safety and maritime industry modernization.

"JICA had been a friend and a partner in our maritime industry modernization process for many years now and the MARINA had benefited hugely from its technical expertise in various areas of maritime safety", Mejia said.

Kotani is credited for his expert advice for the Philippine Government relating to the Implementation of the ASEAN RORO Network and Short Sea Shipping Project in the Philippines; Implementation of the Project for the Harmonization of Safety Standards and Ship Inspection for Coastal Ships; among many other initiatives.

Fukuhara comes back to MARINA as JICA Expert for the second time. His first stint with the Agency was in 2000. Prior to his departure for the Philippines, Fukuhara, was Director for International Shipping Coordination, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport in Japan.

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*Photo taken during the Turn-Over Ceremonies of JICA Experts for the MARINA on 31 July 2015. Dr. Maximo Q Mejia, Jr, MARINA Administrator (rightmost) is flanked by Mr. Kazuo Kotani, Outgoing Expert (2nd from right) and Mr. Tomoyuki Fukuhara, Incoming Expert (2nd from left). At left most is Atty. Gloria J. Victoria-Bañas, MARINA Deputy Administrator for Operations.*