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MARINA MARKS ITS 40TH YEAR ON SUNDAY

MANILA- Waiving up high the theme, “Maritime Philippines: We Move the World!”, the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) celebrates its 40th founding anniversary on Sunday (June 1), with other major and colorful anniversary activities on Monday (June 2) and Wednesday (June 4), MARINA Administrator Maximo Q Mejia, Jr, PhD announced.

Principal guest of honor and keynote speaker is Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) Secretary Joseph Emilio “Jun” Aguinaldo Abaya who is expected to deliver a vibrant, yet nationalistic-wake-up call piece at the anniversary banquet on June 2 at a little past 6 pm at Palacio de Maynila at 1809-1813 M.H. Del Pilar, Malate, Manila. Also invited to grace the celebration are other national officials and agency heads and other major stakeholders.

The anniversary celebration opens with a ‘MARINA Fun Day’ from 8 a.m. to 3 pm on June 1, at YWCA of the Phils., at 1144 Gen. Luna St., Ermita, Manila beside the Manila Medical Center. On June 2, at around 9 a.m., the marker at the site of the future MARINA building on A. Bonifacio Drive cor. 20th St., South Harbor, Port Area, Manila will be unveiled; at 12 noon a holy mass will be celebrated on the 3rd floor of Park View Plaza; and at 6 pm, the MARINA’s 40TH Anniversary Banquet will be held at Palacio de Maynila at 1800-1813 M. H. Del Pilar St., Malate, Manila. . On June 4, the regular monthly flag-raising ceremony will be conducted followed by a breakfast with the Administrator and birthday celebrants for the month of June 2014. .

Administrator Mejia, a maritime law and policy expert, said MARINA’s forty years of propelling the country’s maritime industry, has paid off. The consolidation of functions from different government agencies to one single Authority - the creation of MARINA on June 1, 1974 pursuant to PD No. 474 was a sure leap of progress for the Philippines. Since then, MARINA singly performed her mandate - the promotion and development as well as the regulation and supervision of the industry.

As years passed by, MARINA functions evolved and critical tasks have been added, Pursuant to EO No. 546 of 1979; EO No. 1011 of 1985, EO No. 125/125A; RA No. 9295, EO 75 of 2012 and the most recent is the RA 10635, which mandates MARINA as the Single Maritime Administration for the implementation and enforcement of the 1978 STCW Convention for Seafarers, as amended.



MARINA, MARITIME PHILIPPINES, we move the world

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.