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HISTORIC VISIT OF PANAMA MARITIME AUTHORITY'S ADMINISTRATOR AT MARINA

For the first time, the Panama Maritime Authority or *Autoridad Maritima de Panama (AMP)* officials made a courtesy call and met with MARINA Officials on August 5, 2014. The Panamanian delegation was headed by Ambassador Roberto Carlos Vallarino, Embassy of Panama in the Philippines together with AMP Administrator Jorge Barakat and Mr. Jorge Luis Aizpurua, Director of Seafarers.

It was a very cordial meeting, although brief. Administrator Mejia was very pleased and honored by the visit of his contemporary. "Our countries have similar political and organizational structure, and our respective appointments went through similar processes. But more than these similarities is the fact that both countries have one common denominator, i.e., Panama having the largest fleet by flag of registration in terms of dead weight tonnage (dwt) accounting for 21.5% of the world's total dwt; and the Philippines, being the premier supplier of seafarers on board ships in the international trade which accounts for nearly 30% of the world's total of estimated 1.5 million seafarers." expressed Dr. Mejia.

MARINA Administrator, Dr Maximo Q Mejia Jr personally greeted and welcomed his respectable guests. He was joined by MARINA Deputy Administrator for Operations, Atty. Gloria J. Victoria-Bañas; Deputy Administrator for Planning, Atty. Nicasio A. Conti; Executive Director for STCW Office, Alvin "TOR" Tormon, Deputy Executive Director, Atty. Jabeth Sena Jephath A. Dacanay; Planning and Policy Service OIC, Efren Juan B. Borci, Jr.; OADM Executive Assistant III, Engr. Ramon C. Hernandez; and Planning Officer II, Rubina S. Badoy.



L-R: Deputy Executive Director, Atty. Jabeth Sena Jephath A. Dacanay; MARINA Deputy Administrator for Operations, Atty. Gloria J. Victoria-Bañas; Panamanian Ambassador Roberto Carlos Vallarino; AMP Administrator, Mr. Jorge Barakat; MARINA Administrator, Dr Maximo Q Mejia Jr; Director of Seafarers, Mr. Jorge Luis Aizpurua; Deputy Administrator for Planning, Atty. Nicasio A. Conti; Executive Director for STCW Office, Alvin "TOR" Tormon,



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