



MARINA

beefs up efforts for registry of recreational boats during maritime industry overview forum; lays down plans of establishing extension office in Subic



SUBIC BAY FREEPORT ZONE – To provide awareness on the 10-Year Maritime Industry Development Plan (MIDP) and information on MARINA's policies, as well as to explore areas of collaboration with Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA), particularly in terms of ship registry for recreational boats and an established MARINA extension office in the area, the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) conducted the Philippine Maritime Industry Strategic Overview Forum, Stakeholders' Orientation, and Mobile Registration on 16 to 18 March 2022 at Subic Bay Exhibition and Convention Center.

The three-day activity started with MARINA's courtesy and site visit to SMBA, followed by the forum proper, and ended with the conduct of mobile registration, which was spearheaded by the MARINA Regional Office – National Capital Region (NCR).

SMBA Senior Deputy Administrator for Operations Mr. Ronnie R. Yambao delivered his welcoming remarks, saying "We would like to extend our sincerest appreciation to Administrator Vice Admiral Empedrad and to all our partners in MARINA, for collaborating with SBMA in coming up with this program. We appreciate this program with MARINA to be able to strengthen the capabilities of both agencies, mutually benefitting each other not only in the registration of boats but also in areas shipyards, safety and improvement, and other maritime-related initiatives."

For his part, MARINA Administrator Vice Admiral Robert A Empedrad AFP (Ret), in his opening statement, also expressed his gratitude and appreciation to SBMA for the noble and major teamwork and collaboration

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with the Agency, marking the beginning of the deeper partnership between the two. He likewise conveyed his gratefulness to the maritime stakeholders participated in the activity.

"We would like to share the vision of developing the Philippine maritime industry with SBMA, local government of Olongapo, maritime academe, and private stakeholders, as we believe that the united efforts would contribute to the realization of plans under the 10-Year Maritime Industry Development Plan (MIDP). Let me quote the statement of Department of Transportation (DOTr) Secretary Arthur P. Tugade. 'Together, we are stronger'," Administrator Emedrad emphasized.

Aside from the overview of the MIDP, Administrator Emedrad also shared the importance of expanding the Philippine Ship Registry, generating more employment in the country's shipyards, giving information and lectures regarding the topics which were discussed in the forum proper, as well as the establishment of a MARINA extension office with the help of SBMA.

"Last year, we have some engagement with SBMA. In-allow nila ang MARINA to have an extension office here in Subic so we can serve better and faster. The MARINA wishes to bring its services closer to the people, most especially to the Filipino seafarers. This is one of the initiatives, which will be followed by discussions of making SBMA a transshipment hub," Administrator Emedrad added, realizing the huge portion of seafarers and maritime stakeholders in the area who will benefit the said extension office.

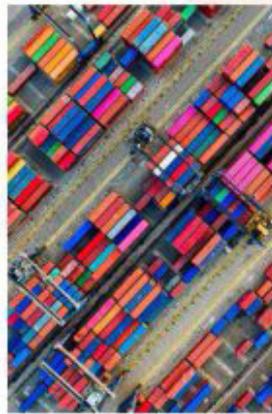


The MARINA, led by Administrator Emedrad, together with the SBMA, during the Philippine Maritime Industry Strategic Overview Forum, Stakeholders' Orientation, and Mobile Registration

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42th MTWG : AGENDA 3.9.1

DEVELOPMENT OF the Guidelines on Smart Port (ST-4.2.1)



The MARINA, led by OSS OIC-Director Ms. Precila C. Jara, expresses its appreciation to the AMS for their support to the re-election of the Philippines to the said Council during the 42nd ASEAN Maritime Transport Working Group (MTWG) Meeting.

As the Philippines was able to secure its position to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Council under Category C for Biennium 2022 to 2023, the country, through the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) and in coordination with the Department of Transportation (DOTr), conveyed its appreciation to the ASEAN Member States (AMS) for their support to the re-election of the Philippines to the said Council during the 42nd ASEAN Maritime Transport Working Group (MTWG) Meeting held on 09 to 10 March 2022 via video conference.

The Philippine delegation, headed by Ms. Precila C. Jara, Officer-in-Charge of the MARINA – Overseas Shipping Service (MARINA – OSS), highlighted the country's commitment to continually serve the international maritime community and to have a globally competitive maritime industry.

"The Philippines is pleased to continuously contribute to policy formulation and decision-making processes towards safe, secure, environmentally sound, efficient and sustainable shipping," Ms. Jara said.

Aside from the AMS, the Philippines also expressed

its appreciation to the IMO for providing and granting the country with numerous cooperation programs, projects, and trainings that significantly benefit and strengthen the Philippine maritime industry.

Philippines' Initiatives on the Implementation of Maritime Transport-related Measures under Kuala Lumpur Transport Strategic Plan (KLTSP)

During the 42nd ASEAN MTWG Meeting, the Philippines provided updated information regarding its national coordination mechanism on port and land transport infrastructure development as well as national master plan for port and land transport development for better port access.

In her report, Ms. Jara shared that the country completed 20 locally funded projects in 2021; 53 on-going locally funded projects as of January 2022 (24 projects for Luzon; 14 projects for Visayas, and 15 projects in Mindanao); seven (7) locally funded projects now in mobilization stage, and five (5) locally funded projects under procurement processes.

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The Philippines also gave updates on the improvements of the following ports: a) Manila International Container Terminal (MICT); b) South Harbor and Batangas Port; c) Davao Port; d) Zamboanga Port; e) Cagayan de Oro Port; and f) General Santos Port.

ASEAN-China Maritime Transport Study

The Philippines informed the ASEAN Secretariat that its Chinese counterparts had agreed in principle that the ASEAN-China Cooperation Fund (ACCF) will support the ASEAN-China Maritime Transport Study based on the consultation with the Chinese Mission and Headquarter in Beijing.

42nd ASEAN MTWG Meeting

The 42nd ASEAN MTWG Meeting aims to discuss the decisions made during the ASEAN Senior Transport Officials Meeting (STOM) in November 2021, progress of implementation of maritime-transport related measures under the Kuala Lumpur Transport Strategic Plan (KLTSPP), COVID-19-related initiatives, working group's work plan, cooperation with transport-affiliated private sector organizations and dialogue partners, and ASEAN's partnership with the IMO.

The said meeting was attended by the ASEAN Member States delegates from Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Singapore, Brunei, Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, and the Philippines. It is likewise participated by representatives from the ASEAN transport-affiliated private sector organizations and dialogue partners from Japan, China, Republic of Korea, United States, European Union (EU), India, and International Maritime Organization (IMO).

The ASEAN MTWG Meetings are being conducted twice a year to monitor the progress in the implementation of the KLTSPP (2016-2025) and to discuss various ASEAN transport-related initiatives.



Viet Nam Maritime Administration Deputy Administrator Mr. Hoang Hong Giang during the 42nd ASEAN Maritime Transport Working Group (MTWG) Meeting

MARINA: PH CONTINUES TO ENCOURAGE OPERATORS, STRENGTHEN PROMOTION OF DIFFERENT ROUTES

The Philippines' Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), through its Franchising Service (FS), pledged that the government will remain steadfast in encouraging shipping operators to resume its operations, as well as strengthening the promotion of different sea routes during this year's BIMF-EAGA Sea Linkages Working Group Mini Strategic Planning Meeting on 18 March 2022.

"The Philippines is continuously encouraging operators, and will have continuous promotion

of different routes," said MARINA-FS Director Atty. Maria Rowena B. Hubilla, who is also sitting as this year's Chairperson of the Sea Linkages Working Group.

The Philippines reported that due to pandemic restrictions, there were no applicants for the Davao-GenSan-Bitung route, as well as in Makar Wharf of General Santos. But with the recent lifting of such restrictions, the MARINA remains positive that there will be an increase of operators applying to apply the said routes.

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Meanwhile, Dir. Hubilla also expressed her gratitude to the member countries saying, "During these unprecedented and challenging times in the transport sector, you continue to display your dedication to our commitments in BIMP-EAGA."

Member countries Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, as well as Philippines have reported updates on the rolling pipeline, ongoing, and completed maritime projects during the said meeting. Davao Port Manager Analee G. Aguila of the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) presented the updates of the Philippines.

Port Manager Aguila said that ports of Bataraza,



MARINA-FS Director Atty. Maria Rowena B. Hubilla, together with personnel from other maritime agencies, BIMP-EAGA Sea Linkages Working Group Mini Strategic Planning Meeting

Zamboanga, General Santos (Makar Wharf), Coron, Malalag, Cagayan de Oro, San Fernando, Borac, Puerto Princesa (expansion project), Bongao, Sulu (1st district), Polloc FreePort and Ecozone were already completed as of 2021.

The maritime sector is targeting the completion of the Zamboanga City Port, Sasa Port, Puerto Princesa City Cruise Port, Jubang Cargo Port, Jubang Cruise Port until 2023

Also present in the said meeting were representatives from BIMP-EAGA Business Council, Asian Development Bank (ADB), and BIMP-FC (Facilitation Center).



MARINA LAYS OUT MARITIME PLANS, PROGRAMS BEFORE MSGC

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) laid out plans and programs for the Philippine maritime industry during the 2022 Multi-Sector Governance Council (MSGC) Reorganizational Meeting held last 22 March 2022 via video conference.

MARINA Administrator VADM Robert A Empedrad AFP (Ret) led the meeting, who also discussed the significance of exchanging insights in ironing out the MARINA Strategic Voyage Plan 2028, as well as the 10-year Maritime Industry Development Plan (MIDP).

"Ang purpose ng MSGC is to provide us with advice. We will be giving you the MIDP and the [MARINA] Voyage Plan and then you will look into our projects, and programs. If you think there is something that needs to be ironed out, or to improve on how we

can execute our programs, 'yun ang kailangan namin sa inyo," Administrator Empedrad stressed before the council.

The establishment and implementation of the MARINA MSGC is in line with the thrust toward the successful execution of the MARINA's Strategy Map aligned with the (MIDP).

The MSGC is tasked to institutionalize a mechanism, ensuring the continuity in the effective execution and accomplishment of MARINA's Strategy Map 2022 and future roadmaps; transcending beyond leadership changes through active and meaningful participation of external stakeholders while promoting continuous awareness and understanding among key agency stakeholders on the said Strategy Map and beyond.

MARINA LAYS OUT MARITIME PLANS...

“The purpose of this is to sustain the programs and plans of the maritime industry. We would like to assure that my successor will sustain the programs and plans that we have already put in place,” Administrator Empedrad furthered.

Meanwhile, Movement for Maritime Philippines (MMP) Chairperson Ms. Merle Jimenez-San Pedro commended the current MARINA leadership for the creation of the MSGC.

“I would just like to commend the leadership of VADM Bob, this action of coming up a multi-sectoral council is most-timely. It’s been some time that one of the major concerns in the industry is the turnover,” MMP Chair San Pedro expressed.

The MARINA has invited experts in the field of maritime to provide their recommendations in the plans, and programs indicated in the agency’s Strategic Voyage Plan, and the MIDP. Further, the council aims to aid MARINA in strengthening collaboration efforts in maritime research.

The MSGC shall be composed of individuals from various fields known for their integrity, credibility, independent judgment, and for their expert knowledge on governance principles, best practices, and relevant needs of the maritime industry.

Members of the MSGC came from the following sectors: civil society/development organizations; academe; domestic shipping; overseas shipping;

FUNCTIONS

MANDATORY	DISCRETIONARY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarterly Meetings Special Meetings Strategy Map Formulation/Revision Policy, Strategic Initiative, Performance Target Recommendations Assistance in the Installation of MARINA PGS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connection with Funding/Support Organizations Access to Sources of Technical Support Increased Awareness on MARINA’s Governance Advocacy Crusade

Organizational Structure

- CHAIR** (VADM Robert A. Empedrad)
- CO-CHAIR** (Atty. Iris Baguilat)
- MEMBERS** (Various representatives from maritime sectors)
- Secretariat*** (Strategy Management Division)

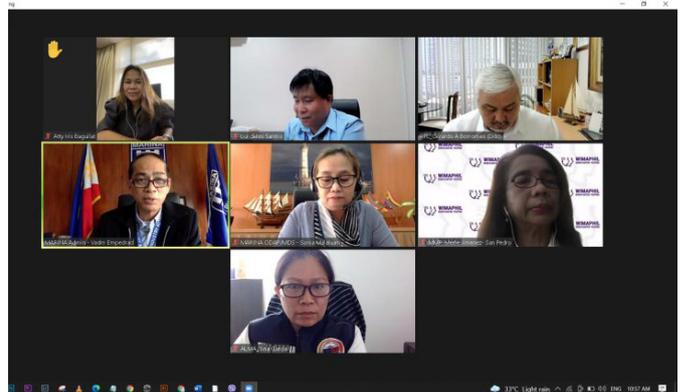
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media; shipbuilding and ship repair; business; and the government.

Various key personalities in the maritime sector who took part in the meeting, and also members of the MSGC were Architect Felino Palafox Jr. of Palafox Associates; Mr. Gerardo Borromeo of Philippine Transmarine Carriers, Inc.; Ms. Cristina Garcia of Association of Licensed Manning Agencies Maritime Group (ALMA); Atty. Iris Baguilat of Institute for Maritime and Ocean Affairs; Ms. San Pedro from MMP.

Meanwhile, representatives from the UP Institute for Maritime Affairs and Law of the Sea (UP IMLOS), Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP), and Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprises Zone Authority (TIEZA) also joined the discussions.

MARINA officials consisting of Capt. Jeffrey P. Solon, the OIC – Office of Executive Director, Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping Office (STCWO), Executive Assistant V RADM Rey T Dela Cruz AFP (Ret), OIC – Deputy Administrator for Planning Director Sonia Malaluan, and Planning and Policy Service (PPS) Director Luisito U. Delos Santos also participated in the meeting.



MESSAGE FROM THE MARINA ADMINISTRATOR

VADM ROBERT A. EMPEDRAD AFP (RET)

MARINA Administrator

Performance Governance System

MARINA Administrator VADM Robert A Empedrad AFP (Ret) leads the 2022 Multi-Sector Governance Council (MSGC) Reorganizational Meeting.

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Seafarers take their first Filipino Certificate of Marine Profession (CMP) Licensure Examination in MARINA Regional Office IV, Batangas City

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), through the Manpower Development Service – Maritime Training Program Development Division (MDS-MTPDD) conducted its first Certificate of Marine Profession (CMP) Licensure Examination in Filipino on February 10 and 11, 2022 in MARINA Regional Office IV, Batangas City.

As one of the Agency's various initiatives in manpower development, the CMP Licensure Examination using the mother tongue medium will be implemented in the MARINA Central Office and the MARINA Regional Offices (MROs)

to further empower the legalization and documentation of Filipino seafarers on board domestic ships.

During the Stakeholders' Meeting with the Administrator last October 2021, MARINA Administrator VADM Robert A Empedrad AFP (Ret) affirmed the use of the Filipino medium in the said examination starting this year 2022. In like manner, the examination will soon be translated into local dominant dialects in the MROs.

The MARINA through its MDS-MTPDD will continue to design and develop training programs in compliance with the national and international laws, conventions, codes, rules and regulations and other developments in maritime manpower sector, and will implement the same to the domestic seafaring industry and other maritime manpower resources in the country.

Moreover, it will continue to adopt pragmatic approaches in maintaining and expanding the country's reservoir of trained maritime workforce to meet the current and future needs of the maritime manpower sector of the country.



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The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), through its Manpower Development Services (MDS), led by Director Ms. Sonia B. Malaluan, together with the Certificate of Marine Profession – Panel of Examiners (POE), conducted a 4-day virtual calibration of test questionnaires for Certificate of Marine Profession (CMP) License Examination on 21-24 March 2022.

The CMP license examination covers seafarers on-board below 500GT or with engine propulsion power of below 750 kW.

The calibration of CMP Test Questionnaires aims to ensure that the questions remain relevant, updated, and constructed in a way that is easily understandable. The calibration also removed redundant and repetitive questions. Said activity focused on the level of understanding and

competence of seafarers in all levels who intend to become Major Patron, Minor Patron, Boat Captains for Deck Department and Marine Diesel Mechanics for Engine Department.

The MDS expressed its gratefulness for the dedication and commitment of its partners, the subject experts, comprising the CMP Panel of Examiners (POE) for Deck and Engine for their strong collaboration and assistance in making the activity a success.

Further, the MARINA, through MDS, endeavors to continue enhancing systems relating to the discharge of its regulatory, supervisory, and promotional developmental functions over Domestic Seafarers and other Maritime Manpower Resources of the country.



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