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Transportation Secretary Jaime J. Bautista assured Filipino seafarers that the government is actively addressing the findings of the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) to avoid the Philippines from getting "blacklisted" by European-based shipping companies.

"It's important that we should not be alarmed by this because we did not fail the audit," Secretary Jaime Bautista said.

Secretary Bautista said President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. ordered the creation of a body to monitor and work closely to ensure that the Philippines comply with the European Maritime Safety Agency's (EMSA) evaluation and pass the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW).

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The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) has mapped out plans, and programs for the 10-year Maritime Industry Development Plan (MIDP), and exhibited its Agency performance for the calendar year during its annual Year-End Performance Assessment and Planning Conference (YEPAPC) on 09-10 November 2022, Pasay City.

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Tasked to tackle the country's EMSA compliance are the Department of Transportation (DOTr), Department of Labor and Employment - DOLE, Department of Migrant Workers (DMW), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Department of Foreign Affairs, Republic of the Philippines (DFA) and Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA).

"It was the President's directive during the Cabinet meeting, so we will be compliant and prevent blacklisting of our seafarers," he said.

"There were findings, there were observations but the Philippine government, through MARINA, CHED, Department of Migrant Workers, DOLE and PCG are working together and closely regarding this," he added.

According to Secretary Bautista, Filipino seafarers are still being deployed to the EU, with European shipping companies expressing their intention to hire more seafarers.

"Filipino seafarers are still being employed. In fact, in our meetings with European Ambassadors, they said that European shipping companies still prefer to hire Filipino seafarers," Secretary Bautista explained.

"We will continue to update the EU on what the Philippine government, through different agencies, are doing to maintain the Philippines' membership with the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and continue the employment of Filipino seafarers to the EU," he added.



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"In the pursuit for a stronger and more dynamic MARINA, there exists our Maritime Industry Development Plan which will serve as our navigational chart until 2028. Count it as a precious privilege to be part of every MIDP activity because you are helping to build a stronger and better foundation for a greater Maritime Philippines," MARINA Administrator Atty. Hernani Fabia stressed in his message.

The two-day YEPAPC was packed with presentations regarding the MIDP, the MARINA's Strategic Voyage Plan for 2023 to 2024, and the highlights of MARINA performance for this calendar year.

In her remarks, OIC-Deputy Administrator for Planning, Ms. Sonia B. Malaluan noted that "there is an urgent need to align the MIDP Programs with the 8-point economic Agenda of the President," and that the Agency shall strike while the iron is hot.

"This is a golden opportunity that MARINA should never allow to just pass us by, we need to work faster, work together and get the President's approval of the MIDP. Also an opportunity to get additional budget for the MIDP Projects," OIC-DAP Malaluan expressed.

The activity has also paved the way to discuss plans and programs under the Gender and Development (GAD), as well as for Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities.

Meanwhile, MARINA Deputy Administrator for Operations Engineer Nanette Villamor-Dinopol urged key officials, and planners of the Agency to continue to thrive, and serve the public with professionalism, integrity, and excellence.



"Let us face the difficult situations as one MARINA family with the same goal and common passion to be worthy of our Oath as "Lingkod Bayan". Similarly, and for the same reason, we must continue to collaborate for better delivery of public service anchored on professionalism, integrity and excellence."

During the event, Program Heads of the 12-point Strategic Voyage Plan of MARINA presented their proposed programs for the succeeding years, while noting on how these programs would be implemented.

It should also be noted that the MARINA is currently on the roll to anchor its maritime programs with the socio-economic agenda of the Marcos Jr. administration.

Heads of offices – service unit directors, regional directors, and planners of MARINA also joined the discussions.

The activity was organized by the MARINA's Planning and Policy Service - Public Affairs and Digital Media Office (PPS-PADMO).



PH, FRANCE SIGN MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT TO STRENGTHEN SHIPPING INDUSTRY; THOUSANDS OF VESSELS TO BENEFIT FROM THE PARTNERSHIP

The Philippines' Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) has signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with the French Embassy to the Philippines that will strengthen the maritime safety and security in the country, particularly in the industry of shipbuilding, and ship repair on 08 November 2022.

The MoA was forged between MARINA Administrator Atty. Hernani Fabia and Embassy of France to the Philippines Economic Service Head Mr. Olivier Ginepro.

Through the signed agreement, France will deploy a French maritime expert in the country – one of the recommendations of the mentioned OCEA S.A. study. The maritime expert is expected to provide the necessary technical assistance, training and consultancy service to the MARINA.

In his opening statement, MARINA Administrator Fabia cited the various risks and issues in the domestic transport sector identified by a study of OCEA S.A. France in March 2020.

In detail, the MoA obligated the French Embassy to the Philippines “to promote France’s best maritime practices in ensuring the safety of life and property at sea, maritime security and marine environment protection; promote active participation in developing international standards for the safety and security of transport as well as preventing vessels from polluting the seas.”

The said agreement also aims to aid the MARINA in the creation of a National Transport Plan dedicated for the shipping industry; industry capability and capacity assessments; policy formulation; as well as the assessment and implementation of MIDP, and its related training.

With this, both parties expressed a strong stance that



a sustained partnership and collaboration will lead to the promotion and effective implementation of the Ten-Year Maritime Industry Development Plan (MIDP). The MIDP targets to replace obsolete and uneconomic vessels, modernize the local fleet, enhance domestic shipbuilding, repair, maintain and develop a pool of trained manpower.

It should be noted that based on a 2020 statistics, the Philippines has the 5th largest shipbuilding nation in the world, with the number of Philippine registered vessels stands at about 29,974, comprising 4,114 large merchant vessels and 25,860 motor bancas/boats and fishing bancas/boats. Of the merchant fleet, passenger ships consist of 11,898. Excluding the pandemic years, over 72 million passengers per year were carried by sea vessels.

The ceremonial signing was witnessed by the Deputy Administrator for Operations Engr. Nannette Villamor-Dinopol, Deputy Administrator for Planning Ms. Sonia Malaluan, Shipyards Regulation Service Director Ramon Hernandez, Planning and Policy Service Director Luisito delos Santos, Franchising Service Director Maria Rowena Hubilla, Chief of Staff Atty. Jabeth Dacanay, Legal Service Director Sharon Aledo, Enforcement Service Officer-in-Charge Ronaldo Bandalaria, Domestic Shipping Service Officer-in-Charge Virvic Erese, Management Information System Service Officer-in-Charge Lina Maquera, and other representatives of MARINA.

PH POSITIONED AS MARITIME CAPITAL OF THE WORLD – DOTr Chief



Department of Transportation (DOTr) Secretary Jaime Bautista joined other government agencies, dignitaries and the international maritime community at the Crew Connect Global 2022 yesterday, 22 November 2022.

Secretary Bautista underscored the goal of the Department of Transportation to establish the Philippines as, “the Maritime Capital of the World by supplying the ‘seafarers of choice’ for the global maritime industry.”

The Transport Chief also shared that there are more than 600,000 Filipino seafarers who contributes to the socio-economic development of the country that truly helped keep the Philippine economy afloat especially at the height of the global COVID-19 pandemic.

According to Secretary Bautista, our maritime sector is a huge help in an archipelagic country such as the Philippines, thus, the DOTr and MARINA presented its 10-year Maritime Industry Development Plan to further enhance mariners training and education, that are aligned with the

8-point socio-economic agenda of the Marcos Administration.

Secretary Bautista also shared various programs/projects related to the maritime sector like the modernization of our domestic shipping, developing and sustaining maritime tourism, upgrading our ship building and repair facilities, developing Coast and Inland Waterways Transport System, protecting marine environment and promoting maritime safety in shipping and other maritime activities.

He reiterated, “We did not fail the assessments of the European Maritime Safety Agency and by the IMO Independent Evaluation. Their findings are seriously being addressed and corrective measures are being put in place.”

He then expressed his determination to create reforms for the Philippine Maritime Industry to be at par with the world standards and address the challenges in our maritime industry, so that the Philippines will sustain the reputation as the Maritime Capital of the World.

PH, SOUTH KOREA FORGE COOPERATION AGREEMENT TO EXPAND TRADE BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP IN SHIPBUILDING; EYES TO GENERATE JOBS, BENEFITS SBSR ENTITIES



The Philippines' Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) has forged a Cooperation Agreement with South Korea's Busan Marine Engineering Association (BUEA) to expand trade and business relationships in the field of shipbuilding and maritime business during a forum on 08 November 2022.

In his opening remarks, MARINA Administrator Atty. Hernani Fabia expressed that the agreement between the Agency and BUEA will further the mutual understanding between the two countries in expanding trade and business relationships in the maritime industry.

As for Transportation Undersecretary for Maritime Elmer Francisco Sarmiento, the agreement will make the "Philippines not be too dependent in terms of importation of ship machinery, equipment, other products and services as the new technology will be introduced under the Cooperation Agreement between our country and South Korea."

With this, the partnership between the two countries is seen to generate job opportunities, as well as to boost the shipping industry in the country. As of this date, there are around 122 shipbuilding, and ship repair entities in the Philippines.

Further, the agreement also compelled both parties to "establish a more comprehensive cooperation in the field of maritime business, including but not limited to, education, technical, consulting, designing, research and development, engineering and construction and trading activities."

The signing of the said agreement between

MARINA and BUEA was held during the "Korea-Philippines Ship Technology Development Cooperation Forum." The forum has paved the way to explore various advanced technologies in the shipping market – one of the initiatives the MARINA – Shipyards Regulation Service (SRS) has marked.

The said forum was also attended by distinguished officials and businessmen from South Korea including Nam-gu District, Busan City Mayor Oh Eun-Taek, Pukyong National University (PNU) - LINC3.0 Project Industry-University Cooperation Foundation President Dr. Ryu-Jee-Youl, BUEA Technical Director Mr. Lee Chasoo, PNU- Industry-University Cooperation Foundation Team Member Mr. Choi Seoungkyu, Mr. Kyeongyoon-Yeom of Hyundai Heavy Industries, Korean Offshore and Shipbuilding Engineering Cooperative (KOSEC) Secretary-General Joung-Dom Kim and KOSEC Ambassador Mr. Hyoung Kyu Park.

For the Philippine side, among those who are present in the forum are MARINA Deputy Administrator for Operations Engr. Nannette Villamor-Dinopol, the Directors of MARINA (Central Services and the MROs), Metro Manila Shipyards Association Inc. President Engr. Edward Cruz, the representatives of other government agencies such as the Office of the President, Philippine Navy, Philippine Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, Department of Science and Technology, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Development Bank of the Philippines and the representatives of different shipyards, shipping companies, maritime schools, and media partners.

MARINA PARTNERS WITH NAUTICAL INSTITUTE TO STRENGTHEN PH MARITIME EDUCATION TRAINING

With both parties prioritizing the country's maritime education and training (MET), the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) and The Nautical Institute (NI) have joint forces to strengthen and "preserve highly-qualified human resources in the maritime industry through effective and quality MET," by forging a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) last 18 November 2022.

The MoU was signed by heads of organizations – MARINA Administrator Atty. Hernani Fabia, and the NI Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Capt. John Lloyd, FNI.

In his remarks, the MARINA Administrator has reiterated the agency's commitment "to further strengthen the position of the Philippines as the major provider in the maritime workforce globally, and to remain the seafarer of choice."

Through the said MoU, the MARINA and local MET institutions will be provided by the NI with academic advice, and suggestions to improve its MET curricula for officers on board, as well as postgraduate curricula for shore-based maritime personnel; conduct of academic workshops to improve teaching methodology and contents of subjects included in the curricula; Support the professional development of seafarers, by mapping out Certificates of Competence to levels of professional membership and registration (up to Chartered Status).

"We look forward to the support of maritime stakeholders, like your organization, as we push forward with policy and institutional initiatives, especially the programs in our 10-year Maritime

Industry Plan (MIDP). With your cooperation, we hope to accelerate the achievement of a nationally-integrated and globally competitive maritime industry through maritime education, innovation, technology, and sustainability," the Administrator furthered.

The signed memorandum also paved way for the MARINA to have access to information that will support the professional development of seafarers; Counseling on accreditation of training programs to support the education of Filipino seafarers; as well as to support the recognition of seafarers through routes to registration.

The signing of the memorandum was made during the celebration of the Nautical Institute's 50th founding anniversary, with the theme, "Maritime Leadership in the Changing World."

Also present during the event were Nautical Institute-Philippines President VADM Eduardo Ma R Santos AFP (Ret), and MARINA Administrator Chief of Staff Atty. Jabeth Sena Jephath A Dacanay.



GOOD NEWS! MARINA INAUGURATES PANGLAO EXTENSION OFFICE!

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) 7 on Thursday formally opened an extension office in Panglao as part of the agency's efforts to expand its reach throughout the region.

MARINA 7 director Emmanuel Carpio on Monday signed a usufruct agreement with the Panglao local government unit (LGU), which provided the office, during its inauguration.

The ceremony was attended by Governor Aris

Aumentado and officials of the Panglao LGU.

"Diri na atong opisina kay strategic man gyud ning atong lugara. Ang Bohol for maritime tourism gyud, so atong na decide na e-relocate nato sa naa gyuy relevant na lugar for that which is Panglao," said Carpio.

According to Carpio, they intend to broaden the agency's reach and bring its services closer to the public.

"Scattered gyud unta dapat ang offices. Mura'g mo sunod ta sa LTO (Land Transportation Office), na iduol gyud nato atong serbisyo sa atong mga kliente," said Carpio.

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The office is intended for the registration of recreational boats and large fishing vessels.

Carpio said vessels above three gross tons need to register with the MARINA, while lighter boats are under the jurisdiction of the local government unit.



MARINA, WORLD BANK LAYS OUT PLANS AND PROGRAMS FOR SECTOR REGULATIONS

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) met with representatives from the World Bank Group (WBG) today, 14 November 2022, at the MARINA Central Office, to discuss the plans and programs for sector regulations, as well as implementing rules and regulations in line with the amended Public Service Act.

The MARINA, led by OIC Deputy Administrator for Planning Ms. Sonia B. Malaluan shared with the WBG its plans and programs under the 10-Year Maritime Industry Development Plan (MIDP), specifically the Agency's initiatives for the development of domestic shipping, energy efficiency, ship registry, digitalization, among others.

The WBG, on the other hand, said that they will also hold technical meetings with maritime

stakeholders to take stock of priority reforms, assess the feasibility of some identified reforms, and determine the policy actions.

OIC DAP Ms. Malaluan was accompanied by Planning and Policy Service - Public Affairs and Digital Media Office (PPS-PADMO) Director Mr. Luisito Delos Santos, Shipyards Regulation Service (SRS) Director Engr. Ramon Hernandez, Management Information System Service (MISS) OIC-Director Ms. Lina Maquera, and STCW Office - Information and Communication Technology Management Division (ICTMD) Division Chief Mr. Dalmacio Gonzales, Jr.

Representatives from the WBG, consisting of Mr. Jaime Frias, Ms. Graciela Murciego, Mr. Roberto Galang, Ms. Gerlin Catangui, and Ms. Kimberly Baltao Chandra, were present during the meeting.



MARINA REITERATES IMPORTANCE OF STCW MANDATORY COURSES FOR ISSUANCE, REVALIDATION OF COC, COP

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), through its Advisory No. 2022-56, reiterated that the STCW Mandatory Courses are required in the issuance and revalidation of Certificate of Competency (CoC) and Certificate of Proficiency (CoP).

The said Advisory, which was released on 10 November 2022, restated that the **Management levels Course (MLC)** and **MLC for Marine Engine Officers** that were adopted and promulgated under MARINA Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 2014-01, are mandatory courses, and shall be continued to be implemented in accordance to the said Circular.

For clarification, the MLC for Deck Officers and MLC for Engine Officers **will only be required for seafarers who will apply** for assessment of competence and subsequent issuance of CoC as Master and Chief Mate and Chief Engineer and Second Engineer Officers.

The STCW Convention requires that every candidate for certification as Master and Chief Mate or Chief Engineer and Second Engineer must **have completed approved education and training and meet the standard of competence**. Hence, the MARINA developed the training standards for the “Mandatory minimum requirements for certification of masters and chief mates on ships of 500 gross tonnage or more” of Table A-II/2 and “Mandatory minimum requirements for certification of chief engineer officers and second engineer officers on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 3,000 kW propulsion power or more” of Table A-III/2 of the STCW Code – naming these training standards as MLC for Deck and Engine Officer under MARINA Memorandum Circular No. 2014-01.

In support to this, the MARINA also clarifies that the MLC is still undergoing review and revisions in order to improve its training design and delivery, particularly its cost and duration, without compromising compliance with the requirements of the STCW Convention.

Likewise, the Electro-Technical Officer (ETO) and Electro-Technical Ratings (ETR) courses, with course standard disseminated under STCW Advisory 2019-05, are mandatory courses and shall continue to be implemented. These courses are required for seafarers who will apply for assessment of competence and subsequent issuance of CoC as ETO and CoP as ETR.

Further, seafarers applying for assessment of competence and issuance and revalidation of CoC, as well as the issuance and revalidation of CoP, shall comply with the requirements as provided in the following circulars:

1. STCW Circular No. 2018-08, dated 20 September 2018, Subject: “Revised Rules and Mandatory Minimum Requirements in the Assessment of Competence of Seafarers under the Relevant Provisions of Chapters II and IV of the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended”, including its relevant amendments that were duly adopted and promulgated by the Board;
2. STCW Circular 2018-09, dated 20 September 2018, Subject: “Revised Rules and Mandatory Minimum Requirements in the Assessment of Competence of Seafarers under the Relevant Provisions of Chapter III of the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended”, including its relevant amendments that were duly adopted and promulgated by the Board;
3. MC No. SC-2021-03, series of 2021, dated 11 February 2021, Subject: “Revised Rules and Mandatory Minimum Requirements in the Issuance and Revalidation of Certificate of Competency (CoC) for Masters, Chief Mates, and Officers in Charge of a Navigational Watch on seagoing ships of 500 gross tonnage or more under Chapter II and for Global



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Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) Radio Operators on Ships Required to Participate in the GMDSS under Chapter IV of the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended”;

4. MC No. SC-2021-06, series of 2021, dated 11 February 2021, Subject: “Revised Rules and Mandatory Minimum Requirements in the Issuance and Revalidation of Certificate of Competency (CoC) for Chief Engineer Officers, Second Engineer Officers, Officers in Charge of an Engineering Watch in a manned engine-room or designated duty engineer in a periodically unmanned engine-room and Electro-Technical Officers serving on seagoing ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 kW propulsion power or more under Chapter III of the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended”;

5. MC No. SC-2021-04, series of 2021, dated 11 February 2021, Subject: “Revised Rules in the Issuance and Revalidation of Certificate of Proficiency (CoP) for Basic Training, Survival Craft and Rescue Boats other than fast rescue boats, Fast Rescue Boats, Advanced Fire Fighting, Medical First Aid, Medical Care, Ship Security Officer, and Security-Awareness Training & Seafarers with Designated Security Duties Under Chapter VI of the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended”; and,

6. STCW Circular No. 2017-07, dated 31 August 2017,

Subject: “Mandatory Minimum Requirements for Certification of Electro-Technical Ratings”

The Maritime Training Institutions (MTIs), which are offering MLC for Marine Deck Officers, MLC for Marine Engine Officers, and ETO and ETR courses, will be subjected to review and evaluation of the respective courses offering, as well as actual inspection to verify and confirm the continuing compliance with the prescribed standards to said courses.

The Maritime Higher Education Institutions (MHEIs) offering and conducting approved Bachelor of Science in Marine Transportation (BSMT) and Bachelor of Science in Marine Engineering (BSMarE) programs will also be subjected to review and evaluation of the respective program offering, as well as the actual inspection to verify and confirm the delivery of courses with the prescribed requirements and standards to the said programs.

The Examination and Assessment Division (EAD) of the STCW Office, MARINA as well as the MARINA-accredited Assessment Centers (ACs), shall ensure that applicants for assessment have completed the mandatory approved course before being allowed to take the assessment.

Likewise, the Certification Division of the STCW Office and MARINA shall ensure that the applicants for issuance and revalidation of CoC and CoP have completed the mandatory approved course prior to the processing and issuance of CoC/CoP.

With the issuance of MARINA Advisory No. 2022-56, MARINA Advisory Nos. 21-23, series of 2021, dated 07 May 2021, MARINA Advisory No. 2021-45, series of 2021, dated 03 August 2021 and MARINA Advisory No. 2021-49, series of 2021, dated 26 August 2021 have been repealed.

GOOD NEWS!

MARINA EXTENDS 30% ANNUAL TONNAGE FEE DISCOUNT

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) has extended the 30% discount on annual tonnage fee (ATF) to cover fiscal year 2022.

According to its Advisory 2022-63 published on 17 November 2022, the extension of the

discount under MARINA Advisory No. 2021-59 conforms with the issuance of Presidential Proclamation No. 15 in September extending the state of calamity in the country due to COVID-19 from September to December 2022.

CONGRESS APPROVES BILLS CREATING MARINA EXTENSION OFFICES

The Maritime Industry Authority (Marina) is looking into constructing new extension offices in three provinces in Luzon after the House Committee on Transportation approved bills filed by Marino Party-list Rep. Sandro Gonzales.

House Bills 732, 733 and 734, filed by Gonzales, were approved during the public hearing

of the House panel chaired by Antipolo City Second District Rep. Romeo Acop on Wednesday, November 9.

Gonzales sought to establish Marina regional offices in Ilagan City, Isabela in Region 2 (Cagayan Valley); Balanga City, Bataan in Region 3 (Central Luzon); and Puerto Princesa City, Palawan in Region 4B (Mimaropa).

MARINA LEADS HIGH-LEVEL MEETING WITH PARTNER GOV'T AGENCIES

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) presided the Hybrid High-Level Meeting with Concerned Government Agencies during the 4th day of the Second Field Visit for the Study on the Safety and Energy Efficiency of Domestic Passenger Ships in the Philippines (FSA-P and ENV-P) held at the PPA Building on 17 November 2022.

In his opening remarks, MARINA Administrator Atty. Hernani Fabia mentioned that it is the priority of the government to continuously improve its services by enhancing maritime safety and improving marine environmental protection in the country. It should be noted that President Ferdinand 'Bongbong' Marcos Jr. has recently ordered step-up measures in relation to enhancing maritime and aviation sectors.

Further, Transportation Undersecretary for Maritime Mr. Elmer Francisco Sarmiento pledged the support of the maritime sector on the said study. The undersecretary also emphasized that ensuring safety, efficiency and environmental sustainability in the maritime industry is a fundamental requirement in achieving sustainable development and progress.

IMO Asia Pacific Technical Cooperation Division Head Mr. Bekir Sitki Ustaoglu and WBG Senior Port and Maritime Transport Specialist Mr. Ninan Biju Oommen have welcomed the representatives from different government agencies, and expressed their thoughts relative to the studies on addressing safety and energy efficiency of domestic passenger ships.

During the meeting, Dr. Dracos Vassalos from the University of Strathclyde led the presentation of the recommendations including the measures on enhancing safety.

On the other hand, Dr. Aykut Olcer from the World Maritime University (WMU) and other international consultants presented the recommendations related to improving energy efficiency and environmental footprint of domestic passenger ships in the Philippines.



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Among the consultants present were Dr. Gerasimos Theotokatos of UOS and professionals from WMU including Dr. Anish Hebbar Afni, Dr. Jens-Uwe Schroder-Hinrichs, Dr. Capt. Seyed Vahid Vakili and Dr. Serdar Yildiz.

The meeting was attended by IMO Coordinator in East Asia Pacific Atty. Josephine Uranza, Mr. Paolo Tabuena from International Finance Corporation, Ms. Hope Gerochi from

World Bank, MARINA Deputy Administrator for Operations Engr. Nanette Villamor-Dinopol, Chief of Staff of the MARINA Administrator Atty. Jabeth Dacanay, the Directors of MARINA, Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) Port Management Systems and Organizational Development Department Acting Manager Cordelia Sidon, Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) Deputy Commandant for Administration CG RADM Ronnie Gil Gavan, the representatives from Department of Energy (DOE), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP), Office of the Transportation Cooperatives (OTC), other government agencies and media partners.



DOTr, MARINA JOINT FORCES TO PUSH 10-YEAR MARITIME PLAN

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) has discussed with the Department of Transportation (DOTr) Undersecretary for Planning and Project Development Timothy John Batan its 10-year Maritime Development Plan (MIDP) today, 18 November 2022.

During the meeting, Usec Batan has assured the MARINA that the DOTr will be of help to the Agency in the implementation of its plans, and programs.

The MIDP aims to increase the production capacity in shipbuilding and ship repair; upgrade relevant maritime technologies; develop and expand shipping and maritime tourism routes; improve higher maritime education and training programs; develop and implement practices in maritime safety and security as well as the protection of the marine environment.

Updates are currently being undertaken by the MARINA to align with the 8-point priority economic agenda of the Marcos Administration.

Once the MIDP be fully-implemented in 2028, the Philippines' maritime industry is seen to rocket by a hundred percent (100%) the industry's contribution in the national Gross Domestic Product (GDP) from PhP 720 billion to PhP 1.44 trillion.

By virtue of Presidential Decree No. 474 series of 1974, the MARINA is mandated to craft a 10-year Maritime Industry Development Program



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which shall contain a rational and integrated development of the maritime industry.

The officials also discussed concerns on domestic shipping, the Independent Evaluation, response of MARINA to the EMSA Audit, among others.

Present during the meeting were MARINA Administrator Atty. Hernani Fabia, DOTrASec. Leonel De Velez, OIC-Executive Director for STCW Office Samuel Batalla, Planning and Policy Service Director Luisito Delos Santos, Domestic Shipping Service OIC-Director VirvicErese, Enforcement Service OIC-Director Ronaldo Bandalaria, together with other personnel of MARINA.



MARINA-SRS, IMO, WORLD BANK HOLD STAKEHOLDERS WORKSHOP

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) through its Shipyards Regulation Service (SRS), in collaboration with the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and World Bank Group (WBG) conducted a stakeholders' workshop in Manila during the third day of the Second Field Visit for the Study on the Safety and Energy Efficiency of Domestic Passenger Ships in the Philippines (FSA-P ENV-P) on 16 November 2022.

The workshop, participated by international consultants from the World Maritime University (WMU) and University of Strathclyde (UOS) have discussed studies to address safety and energy efficiency in domestic passenger ships.

The FSA-P and ENV-P Second Field Visit aims to ensure and enhance maritime safety, security and also to prevent pollution in the domestic passenger shipping industry in the Philippines.

In his opening remarks, MARINA-Shipyards Regulation Service Director Engr. Ramon Hernandez emphasized the significance of the activity relative to the effective implementation



of the Maritime Industry Development Plan (MIDP) particularly in its Programs 6 and 10.

Further, IMO Coordinator in East Asia Pacific Atty. Josephine Uianza and WBG Senior Port and Maritime Transport Specialist Ninan Biju Oommen formally welcomed the stakeholders and other guests who attended the hybrid event.

Dr. DracosVassalos from the University of Strathclyde led the FSA-P presentation on the study of Improving Domestic Passenger Ships and the cost-effective solutions for new ships and options for retrofitting existing ships to achieve higher standards.

On the other hand, Dr. GerasimosTheotokatos of UOS and the international consultants also presented the recommendations of the study on Improving Energy Efficiency and Environmental Footprint of Domestic Passenger Ship in the country.

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Among the consultants are IMO Asia Pacific Technical Cooperation Division Head Mr. Bekir SitkiUstaoglu; professionals from the WMU

including Dr. Jens-Uwe Schroder-Hinrichs, Dr. Anish Hebbar Afni, TM, Dr. Aykut I Olcer, Dr. Capt. Seyed Vahid Vakili and Dr. Serdar Yildiz.

The said workshop was also attended by representatives from different government agencies such as the Philippine Ports Authority, Philippine Coast Guard and various stakeholders from the private sector.

MARINA RECORDS 80% HIRING RATE; CONDUCTS MASS OATH TAKING OF NEWLY-HIRED, PROMOTED PERSONNEL ANEW

MANILA – The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) has recorded an 80.25 percent hiring rate as of October 2022, the agency's Human Resource Management and Development Division (HRMDD) announced during a mass oath taking of newly-hired, and promoted personnel on 28 November 2022, held at its Central Office, Manila.

"I would like to commend the people behind the non-stop movement of hiring and promotion in the MARINA. This is a continuous effort leading us to a smoother division of labor and efficiency among our employees. To MFAS-HRMDD, keep up the good work," MARINA Administrator Atty. Hernani Fabia expressed this during his remarks.

It should be noted that the MARINA filled up 654 out of 815 plantilla positions – translating to 80.25 percent hiring rate, as of October 2022.

The MARINA Administrator has presided over the hybrid oath taking of 40 newly-promoted, and 42 freshly-hired personnel of MARINA from the Central Office to its regional offices across the country.

"As you have taken your oath of office, please bear in mind the significance of this ceremony. You are committing yourselves to the duties, responsibilities and obligations, alongside your position as civil servants. Continue to strive in upholding the mission and fulfilling the vision of the MARINA," the Administrator furthered.

Meanwhile, as for the Management, Financial and Administrative Services (MFAS) Director Nenita Atienza, she stressed that the recently appointed employees shall "perform with professionalism, integrity and excellence."

With this development in the human resources of the agency, MARINA will be able to deliver its frontline services faster, more conveniently, and more efficiently to maritime stakeholders through the assumption of the said employees.



MARINA HOLDS NOVEMBER OATH TAKING CEREMONY FOR MARINE DECK AND ENGINE OFFICERS

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), through its Examination and Assessment Division (EAD) under the Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) Office, held an oath taking ceremony for Marine Deck and Engine Officers on 24 November 2022, at the AMOSUP Convention Hall in Intramuros, Manila.

A total of 28 marine deck and engine officers were sworn into their official duties. For the Deck Department, there were 13 oath takers comprising nine (9) Master Mariners, and four (4) Officers-In-Charge of Navigational Watch (OIC-NW). As for the Engine Department, 15 marine engineer officers, comprising four (4) Chief Engineer Officers, and 11 Officers-In-Charge of Engineering Watch (OIC-EW), also took their oath.

STCW Office – EAD Senior Maritime Industry Development Specialist Ms. Lea Malunes delivered her welcoming remarks, stating that the ceremony is both for celebration and thanksgiving after all the officers' hard work, efforts, and preparations – and now being ready to undertake the duties and responsibilities as Merchant Marine Officers.

Zamboanga City 1st District Representative Hon. Khymer Adan T. Olaso, represented by his Chief of Staff Dr. Earl Sitaca, shared his inspirational message, congratulating all the marine officers for successfully passing the MARINA Theoretical Examination. He also mentioned that they have to take pride in their achievements because they truly deserve all the praise and appreciation.

"Though you have unlocked an important milestone in your seafaring career, I implore you all to still continue striving for excellence and greatness – with your achievement comes a new

set of duties and responsibilities. As officers, the protection of the marine environment, prevention of marine pollution and accident at sea, and assurance of the safety of life and property at sea now lie in your hands," Cong. Olaso emphasized.

As announced during the celebration of the Day of the Seafarers 2022 last June 25, and with the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, the MARINA will be conducting this oath taking ceremony monthly. This is the MARINA's gesture in recognizing and signifying the official start of a maritime official's commitment to his/her duties, responsibilities, and obligations as seafarers responsible for the safety of life at sea and the protection of the marine environment.



MARINA CONDUCTS TRAININGS TO ACHIEVE EMPLOYEES' FULL POTENTIAL

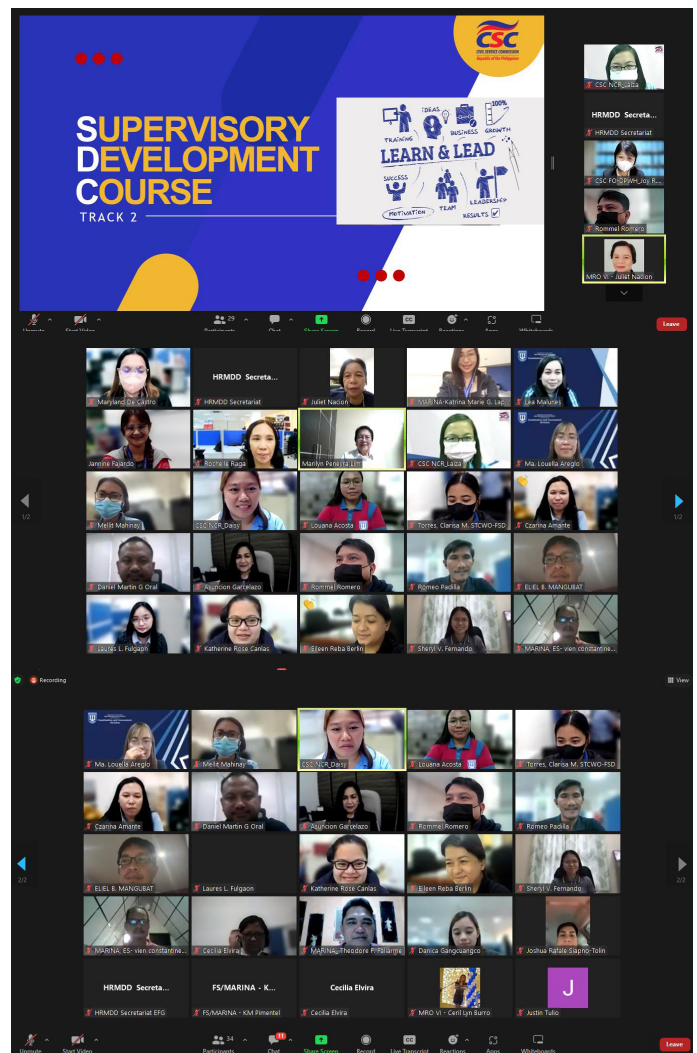
In its objective to expand the knowledge base of its employees, as well as keep them on the cutting edge of maritime industry developments, the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), through its Management, Financial, and Administrative Service (MFAS), held two (2) equally important webinars – the Supervisory Development Course Track 2 on 25-28 October 2022 and the Training on the Republic Act No. 9184 and its Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations for the MARINA on 17-21 and 24-27 October 2022, respectively.

The Supervisory Development Course Track 2 is a four (4)-day webinar, which was attended by 29 participants, consisting of mostly first-line supervisors who are incumbents of positions with salary grade 18 (SG 18) and above, currently performing supervisory functions.

The webinar was in collaboration with the Civil Service Commission (CSC), represented by Dir. Marilyn Peneyra Lim & Dir. Luchi Flores who both acted as Resource Speakers in the said training. Lectures, technical sessions, and case studies through interaction with the participants were included in the said webinar. Discussions also revolved around creating peak performance, coaching, counseling, mentoring, motivating techniques at the workplace, leadership practices, and maximizing work empowerment and productivity.

On the other hand, the webinar on Republic Act No. 9184 and its 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) was a 9-day half-day training, led by the composite team of the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) – recognized trainers. The training was attended by the members of MARINA BAC, BAC-Technical Working Group (TWG), BAC Secretariat, MFAS-Procurement Division personnel, and End-Users from all Central and Regional offices/service/section/units.

The webinar focused on Government Procurement 101 (Key Features of GPRA and Procurement Organization), Efficient Procurement Measures During a State of Calamity or Implementation of Community Quarantine or Similar Restriction and other similar topics which



aimed to strengthen and improve systems and procedures, particularly in the implementation of its procurement process. It also facilitated the exchange of opinions and expertise regarding procurement strategies among participants and speakers.

The workshop was also graced by MARINA's, OIC Deputy Administrator for Planning, Ms. Sonia B. Malaluan, and Director of Management, Information and System Services, Mr. Arsenio F. Lingad, acting as BAC Chairperson.

For her part, MFAS Director, Ms. Nenita S. Atienza said that both webinars were successful, encouraging all the participants to join hands and share challenges and lessons on strengthening MARINA's valuable resources, and for the leaders to create a work environment that develops competencies needed to achieve goals.

MARINA-OSS CONVENES PUBLIC CONSULTATION TO REFINE PROPOSED CIRCULARS

Aiming to improve and refine the proposed MARINA Circulars concerning the overseas shipping sector, the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), through the Overseas Shipping Service (OSS), convened a Public Consultation on 11 November 2022 via video conference.

Led by the Officer-in-Charge of the OSS, Ms. PrecilaJara, the body discussed about the following draft policies: a) Revised Rules and Regulations in the Acquisition, Registration, Documentation and

Licensing of Ships for International Voyages; and b) Rules on the Issuance of Special Permit for the Temporary Utilization of Philippine-Registered Domestic Ships to Engage in the BIMP-EAGA.

The said undertaking was attended by the representatives from the MARINA Regional Office – National Capital Region (MRO-NCR), MRO XI, MARINA-Franchising Service, MARINA-Legal Service, MARINA-OSS and Overseas Shipping Associations.

GOOD NEWS!

PH SHIP REGISTRY BILL GAINS MULTISECTORAL SUPPORT

A House bill that seeks to set up a Philippine ship registry system gained support from various government agencies and maritime groups.

HB No. 4336, authored by Ilocos Norte 2nd District representative Angelo Barba, lays out the scope and procedures for the Philippine ship registry; provides the legal framework for rules on ship registry and enforcement of maritime claims and limitations of liability; and provides incentives to vessels under the Philippine registry.

In a speech during a recent Lower House Committee on Transportation hearing on

the bill, Barba said the measure intends to develop the maritime industry through compliance with international maritime conventions' regulations and practices and turn the country into one of the leading and respected flag states.

The Department of Transportation (DOTr) and its attached agencies, Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) and Philippine Coast Guard (PCG); Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Department of Trade and Industry-Board of Investments, and Insurance Commission supported the passage of HB 4336 during the hearing.

PHL CHAIRS 2ND RTF MEETING ON BIOFOULING MANAGEMENT IN EAST ASIAN SEAS REGION

In order to have a holistic approach in biofouling management among the countries in the East Asian Region, the Philippines, as one of the Lead Partnering Countries (LPCs) of the GloFouling Partnerships Project, through the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA)'s Deputy Administrator for Planning, Ms. Sonia B. Malaluan and in coordination with the Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA), chaired via hybrid setup the 2nd Regional Task Force (RTF) Meeting on Biofouling Management in East Asian Seas Region from 23 to 25 November 2022 at the New Coast Hotel, Manila.

The 2nd RTF Meeting was graced by the Department of Transportation (DOTr) – Undersecretary for Maritime, USec. Elmer Francisco U. Sarmiento, wherein he highlighted the country's commitment in protecting the marine environment.

"The Philippines, as one of the Lead Partnering Countries (LPCs) for the GloFouling Partnerships Project, is steadfast with its commitment to ensure the protection and sustainability of the marine environment, as well as to minimize, if not eliminate, the harmful impacts of invasive aquatic biofouling," USec. Sarmiento said.

On the other hand, Ms. Lilia Khodjet El Khil, Project Manager of the GloFouling Partnerships Project – International Maritime Organization (IMO) and Ms. Aimee T. Gonzales, Executive Director of the PEMSEA Resource Facility, conveyed in their messages the importance of addressing the negative impact of biofouling in an integrated manner.

During the first day of the meeting, Ms. Lilia Khodjet El Khil led the presentation regarding the updates on GloFouling Partnerships Project. Based on her presentation, the project aims to assist developing countries to implement the IMO Biofouling Guidelines and minimize the introduction of Invasive Aquatic Species (IAS). It also intends to raise awareness from global action to national implementation as well as to share best practices on biofouling management.

Further, Ms. Gonzales presented the activities conducted in 2020 and 2021 in relation to Biofouling Management. She highlighted that the Regional Task Force on Biofouling Management

intends to develop a Regional Strategy on Biofouling Management within the region.

Moreover, participating countries provided their respective national status and initiatives in relation to biofouling.

As the Head of the Philippine delegation, MARINA Shipyards Regulation Service (MARINA – SRS) Director, Engr. Ramon Hernandez, reported the ongoing initiatives of the country, which include the development of the National Strategic Action Plan, National Economic Assessment, and drafting of National Measures.

On the second day, Mr. Won Tae Shin, Regional Consultant on Biofouling Strategy, led the review of the draft regional strategy for biofouling wherein he began his presentation by discussing its mission, vision, strategic objectives, and strategic actions.

Mr. Kim Yusik of Tas Global shared initiatives related to K-Glofouling and the provision of GloFouling solutions to developing countries using the Office Development Assistance (ODA) funds.

In addition, Mr. Guillaume Drillet of Global TestNet gave an overview on Global TestNet's work and how it engages members in technical discussions.

Dr. Pei-Yuan Qian of Hong Kong University of Science and Technology shared several research and development on alternative anti-fouling technology amid the environmental and ecological concern on mainstream anti-foulants.



PHL CHAIRS 2ND RTF MEETING...

The plenary session of the 2nd RTF concluded with the closing remarks from the PEMSEA, IMO, and the Philippines. The MARINA Administrator delivered the Closing Remarks on behalf of the Philippines conveying his sincere gratitude to IMO and PEMSEA for their invaluable support to the country towards protecting the marine environment.

Meanwhile, the delegates were also able to have a technical tour and an actual overview of the works done in a shipyard during the last day of the activity.

The 2nd Regional Task Force Meeting on Biofouling Management in East Asian Seas

Region was participated by the delegates and representatives from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor Leste, Viet Nam, International Maritime Organization (IMO), PEMSEA, The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF), Global TestNet, Tas Global Inc., and Hongkong



MARINA-MSS CONDUCTS 2-DAY ASSESSMENT ON MRO 8

The MARINA, through its Maritime Safety Service (MSS), conducted a two-day MRO Internal Evaluation and Assessment on the Implementation of Technical Services Policies of MSS to the MARINA Regional Office VIII (MRO 8) on 25-26 October 2022.

The said activity is part of the continuous monitoring of Regional Office's compliance with regards to the adoption and implementation of MSS Rules and Regulation, and to ensure uniform interpretation and implementation of relevant Technical Policies.

Random office records were checked and evaluated during the assessment. Interviews were also conducted to gather some of the MRO 8 issues and concerns in order to provide the



top management valuable information which will be useful in determining courses of action to address the problem area/s and further refine relevant Memorandum Circulars.

The team was welcomed by MRO 8 Director Atty. Eusebia A. Cadlum-Boco together with Engr. Rudy Paner and other regional office's technical personnel. The Evaluation and Assessment Team was headed by Engr. Divinagracia F. Tolosa together with Engr. Carl Kenneth C. Caluza and Engr. Rizalyn D. Magalong.



Officials of the Philippines' Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), led by Administrator Atty. Hernani Fabia discussed areas of collaboration with Denmark through its new Ambassador Franz-Michael Mellbin and Danish Maritime Authority Director Andreas Nordseth yesterday, 21 November 2022 at the MARINA Central Office, Manila.



Manila's Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), through its Management Information and Systems Service (MISS), has facilitated training for users, as well as installation of the Integrated Domestic Shipping Information System (IDSIS) to the system of the Bangsamoro MARINA (BMARINA) commenced last 13 until 16 November 2022.



The MARINA Regional Office VI (MRO6) facilitated the Modified Basic Safety Training (MBST) and Gender and Development Orientation at Malay, Aklan on 04-05 November 2022



The MARINA Regional Office VIII (MRO 8) hosted the 13th MARINA Regional Office - Multi-Sector Advisory Board (MRO-MSAB) Meeting at Ritz Tower de Leyte and via Zoom at Tacloban City on 17 November 2022.



The MARINA Regional Office XI (MRO 11) initiated a Consultative Meeting/Seminar for Passenger Boat Operators plying the Municipality of Baganga, Province of Davao Oriental on 14 November 2022, at the departure area of San Victor Island and Pooh Sand Bar.



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The MARINA Regional Office IV (MRO 4), conducted a two-day Modified Basic Safety Training (MBST) from 26 to 27 November 2022 at Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro.



The MARINA Regional Office VII (MRO7) reopens its GAD Corner (Women and Children Area) which can accommodate clients / seafarers with wives and or children.