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OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 9TH PHILMARINE 2024

INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

19 June 2024, 10:00 AM
SMX Convention Center, Pasay City

SONIA B. MALALUAN
Administrator
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TO OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER WHO WILL BE FORMALLY INTRODUCED LATER ON;
TO ENERGY UNDERSECRETARY MR. GIOVANNI CARLO BACORDO;
TO HER EXCELLENCY AMBASSADOR MARIE FONTANEL OF FRANCE;
REAR ADMIRAL JOSE AMBROSIO EZPELETA, CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF;
TO PASAY CITY MAYOR HONORABLE IMELDA CALIXTO-RUBIANO AS REPRESENTED BY MS. ANGELICA ROA;
TO FIREWORKS TRADE MEDIA GROUP CO-FOUNDER MS. SUSAN TRICIA;
FELLOW WORKERS IN THE GOVERNMENT, ESTEEMED STAKEHOLDERS, EXCELLENCIES AND MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, EXHIBITORS,
DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
A VERY PLEASANT MORNING TO ALL OF YOU AND THANK YOU FOR JOINING THIS VERY IMPORTANT EVENT.



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FOR ALMOST A DECADE, THE MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY (MARINA) IN COLLABORATION WITH THE FIREWORKS TRADE EXHIBITIONS AND CONFERENCES PHILIPPINES IS HOSTING ONCE AGAIN ONE OF THE BIGGEST MARITIME EVENTS IN THE COUNTRY, **THE PHILMARINE.**

THE FACT THAT THE MARINA CONTINUOUSLY SUPPORTS THE CONDUCT OF THIS HIGHLY-ANTICIPATED EXPO TESTIFIES HOW SIGNIFICANT THIS UNDERTAKING PARTICULARLY IN GATHERING AN INTERNATIONAL CONGREGATION OF MARITIME EXHIBITORS THAT WILL SHOWCASE THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR SECTOR AND THE MARITIME INDUSTRY IN GENERAL.

LAST YEAR, OUR AGENCY RECORDED A TOTAL OF 123 MARINA REGISTERED AND LICENSED SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR ENTITIES IN THE COUNTRY. IT IS WORTHY TO TAKE NOTE THAT THE PERFORMANCE OF THESE SHIPYARDS IN ACCORDANCE TO THE POLICIES SET BY THE ADMINISTRATION IS CONSIDERED CRUCIAL IN MAINTAINING THE GLOBAL POSITION OF THE PHILIPPINES AS A MEMBER OF THE TOP 5 SHIPBUILDING NATIONS BASED ON THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (UNCTAD) REVIEW OF MARITIME TRANSPORT 2023.¹

¹ UNCTAD Review of Maritime Transport 2022
https://unctad.org/system/files/official-document/rmt2022_en.pdf
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WITH THAT BEING SAID, I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE EVERYONE FOR BEING HERE TODAY AND FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ON SHIPBUILDING TECHNOLOGY, MARITIME SAFETY, MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION, DIGITALIZATION AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS, WHICH CONTRIBUTE A LOT IN TERMS OF SUSTAINING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MARITIME INDUSTRY.

AS YOU ALL KNOW, THE MARINA IN COORDINATION WITH OUR PARTNER AGENCIES AND PRIVATE STAKEHOLDERS SPEARHEADED THE UPDATING OF THE MARITIME INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PLAN (MIDP) 2028 THAT WAS ADOPTED THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 55. THE MIDP 2028 COVERS A CORE PROGRAM ON “MODERNIZATION, EXPANSION AND PROMOTION OF THE PHILIPPINE SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR INDUSTRY,” WHICH AIMS TO MODERNIZE AND EXPAND THE PHILIPPINE SHIPYARDS’ CAPABILITY AND CAPACITY TO NOT ONLY MEET THE DEMANDS OF THE LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL SEA TRANSPORT MARKET, BUT ALSO CREATE MORE JOBS AND INCREASE INVESTMENTS IN THE COUNTRY.

THE SAID MIDP CORE PROGRAM AND THE ASSESSMENT REPORT OF MARINA STATE THAT LOCAL SHIPYARDS HAVE THE CAPABILITY AND CAPACITY TO CONSTRUCT SHIPS FOR DOMESTIC USE UP TO 1,000 GROSS TONS ON THE AVERAGE. ²

² Updated MIDP 2028



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IN THIS LIGHT, I WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT SOME OF OUR EFFORTS TO FURTHER DEVELOP THE MARITIME SECTOR. THROUGH OUR MIDP 2028, WE HAVE BEEN PUSHING FOR THE PASSAGE OF A SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR DEVELOPMENT BILL WHICH WILL PROMOTE ADDITIONAL INVESTMENTS AND GRANT MORE INCENTIVES TO OUR SBSR SECTOR.

RIGHT NOW, WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR CHAMPIONS AS WE TARGET THIS BILL TO BE CERTIFIED AS A PRIORITY BILL BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

WE, IN MARINA, OUR WORKING VERY HARD TO ENSURE THAT THE PLANS IN THE MIDP 2028 WILL NOT ONLY REMAIN PLANS BUT BE TRANSLATED INTO ACTIONS, GIVING US OUR EXPECTED POSITIVE OUTCOMES.

THE MARINA ALSO RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RESOLUTION THAT WAS SIGNED DURING THE 3RD NATIONAL SHIPYARDS CONVENTION LAST APRIL 2024, WHICH FOCUSES ON LEGISLATION, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, CAPABILITY AND CAPACITY AND SBSR WORKFORCE.

IN TERMS OF THE EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES, WE RENEWED OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND

<https://marina.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/MIDP-2028-as-of-29-April-2024.pdf>

Philippine SBSR Capability and Capacity Assessment Report

<https://marina.gov.ph/books/2021-philippine-sbsr-capability-and-capacity-assessment-report/>



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TECHNOLOGY - PHILIPPINE COUNCIL FOR INDUSTRY, ENERGY AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (DOST-PCIEERD) TO HIGHLIGHT NEW RESEARCH DIRECTIONS IN THE MARITIME INDUSTRY. WE ALSO FACILITATED THE DEMONSTRATION OF THE “SAFE, EFFICIENT AND SUSTAINABLE SOLAR-ASSISTED PLUG-IN ELECTRIC BOAT” (SESSY E-BOAT) AT THE MANILA YACHT CLUB LAST FEBRUARY, WHICH WAS CONSIDERED AS ONE OF THE REMARKABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THIS YEAR.

OF COURSE, WE RECENTLY ALSO COMPLETED THE ORIENTATION OF OUR “MARINA BLOCKCHAIN-ENABLED AUTOMATED CERTIFICATION SYSTEM” (MARINA BEST) IN ALL REGIONS NATIONWIDE FOR ITS TARGETED ROLL OUT BY 01 JULY 2024. THIS IS OUR TOP PROJECT ON DIGITALIZATION IN OUR PURSUIT TO STREAMLINING OUR FRONTLINING SERVICES AND ENHANCING EASE OF DOING BUSINESS.

SO, AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT TO PHILMARINE AND OTHER SIMILAR ACTIVITIES. THE PLANS AND PROGRAMS THAT I HAVE MENTIONED, AS WELL AS OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS WERE NOT ACHIEVED SOLELY BY THE MARINA BUT WITH THE COOPERATION OF OUR PARTNER AGENCIES AND RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT EVENTS LIKE THE PHILMARINE SERVE AS IMPORTANT PLATFORMS IN STRENGTHENING PARTNESHIPS AND EXPANDING NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES.



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I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY AS WELL TO INVITE EVERYONE TO THE ANNUAL MARINA TECHNICAL CONFERENCE, RIGHT AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONY, AND THE "SECOND PHILIPPINE-FRENCH DAY" TOMORROW THAT WILL BE ATTENDED BY ALMOST 15 FRENCH COMPANIES, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

WITH THAT, LET US ALL ENJOY THE EXHIBITS AND LEARN NEW KNOWLEDGE THROUGH THE VARIOUS SEMINARS IN THE NEXT THREE DAYS HERE AT SMX.

THANK YOU AND MULI MAGANDANG UMAGA PO SA ATING LAHAT.