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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

**“CHARTING THE DIGITAL SEAS: NAVIGATING THE FUTURE  
OF MARITIME TECHNOLOGY”**  
*during the 9<sup>th</sup> PHILMARINE 2024*

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**WELCOME REMARKS**

19 June 2024, 11:30 AM

**SONIA B. MALALUAN**

Administrator

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TO FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO THE PHILIPPINES HER  
EXCELLENCY MARIE FONTANEL;

TO ENERGY UNDERSECRETARY MR. GIOVANNI CARLO BACORDO;

TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR MARITIME ATTY. JULIUS YANO;

TO PASAY CITY MAYOR HONORABLE IMELDA CALIXTO-RUBIANO;

TO FIREWORKS TRADE MEDIA GROUP CO-FOUNDER SUSAN  
TRICIA;

TO FELLOW WORKERS IN THE GOVERNMENT, ESTEEMED  
STAKEHOLDERS, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, LADIES AND  
GENTLEMEN,

GOOD MORNING TO EVERYONE.

OVER THE YEARS, THE MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY  
(MARINA) THROUGH ITS SHIPYARDS REGULATION SERVICE (SRS)  
AND THE FIREWORKS TRADE EXHIBITIONS AND CONFERENCES  
PHILIPPINES, INC. HAVE BEEN GREAT PARTNERS PARTICULARLY  
IN SHOWCASING THE CURRENT TRENDS AND LATEST



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DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PHILIPPINE MARITIME INDUSTRY  
ESPECIALLY SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR SECTOR.

WE HAVE BEEN CONDUCTING ANNUAL MARINA TECHNICAL CONFERENCE DURING PHILMARINE TO PROVIDE A PLATFORM FOR THE CONCERNED AGENCIES AND RELEVANT MARITIME STAKEHOLDERS TO DISCUSS THEIR RESPECTIVE PLANS AND PROGRAMS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE MARITIME INDUSTRY.

FOR THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE, WE AGREED TO HIGHLIGHT THE DIGITALIZATION IN THE MARITIME INDUSTRY, WHICH IS IN LINE WITH THE HIGH PRIORITY PROJECT OF OUR AGENCY THROUGH THE **MARINA BLOCKCHAIN-ENABLED AUTOMATED CERTIFICATION SYSTEM (BEST)** THAT WILL BE ONE OF THE PRESENTATIONS LATER ON.

WITH THE THEME, "**CHARTING THE DIGITAL SEAS: NAVIGATING THE FUTURE OF MARITIME TECHNOLOGY,**" OUR TECHNICAL CONFERENCE WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THREE MAJOR PARTS. FIRST, THE RESOURCE SPEAKERS FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR WILL PRESENT AN ASSESSMENT IN THE CURRENT SITUATION OF THE SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR SECTOR IN THE COUNTRY. ON TOP OF THIS, OUR FRENCH MARITIME EXPERT WILL TACKLE SHIP SAFETY COMPLIANCE AND MODERNIZATION THAT IS ESSENTIAL IN DAILY OPERATIONS OF OUR RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS.



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THE NEXT PART OF THIS CONFERENCE WILL FOCUS ON MARITIME DIGITALIZATION, WHEREIN WE WILL KNOW MORE ON THE "MARINA-BEST", A DIGITALIZATION PROJECT THAT WILL BE ROLLED OUT NEXT MONTH.

WE WILL ALSO HEAR UPDATES ON THE **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR MARITIME TRANSPORT APPLICATIONS (STMTA PROJECT)** FROM OUR PARTNERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AS WELL AS OTHER PROGRAM RELATED TO "DIGITALIZATION AND VESSEL PERFORMANCE SOLUTIONS FOR THE MARITIME AND OFFSHORE INDUSTRY."

LASTLY, WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE RESOURCE SPEAKERS WHO WILL TALK ABOUT MARINE ENGINE ELECTRIFICATION AND GREENHOUSE GAS COMPLIANCE THROUGH "**MARITIME ENERGY DEMAND INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS SOFTWARE (MEDIANS).**"

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO BE AWARE OF THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES FOR MORE EFFICIENT OPERATIONS WHILE ENSURING THAT SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA WILL NOT BE COMPROMISED.

AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO THE FIREWORKS FOR THE CONTINUING COLLABORATION AS WE AIM TO GATHER LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS, POLICY MAKERS AND REGULATORS WITH THE COMMON GOAL OF



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ADDRESSING THE GAPS IN SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR,  
MARITIME DIGITALIZATION, MARITIME SAFETY, MARINE  
ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AND THE WHOLE OF MARITIME  
INDUSTRY.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD FOR A VERY INTERESTING AND  
PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSION DURING THE OPEN FORUM.

THANK YOU AND GOOD MORNING AGAIN