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**WELCOME REMARKS FOR THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
MARINA ADMINISTRATOR SONIA B. MALALUAN**

SECRETARY JAIME BAUTISTA JR.;

ALL THE OFFICIALS OF THE GOVERNMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEPARTMENT OF MIGRANT WORKERS;

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, ESTEEMED COLLEAGUES, DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVES FROM OUR PRIVATE SECTOR, STAKEHOLDERS;

FORMER MARINA OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES; MEN AND WOMEN OF MARINA;

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN...GOOD AFERNOON.

IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE AND PROFOUND HONOR THAT I WELCOME YOU ALL TO THIS MOMENTOUS OCCASION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY. TODAY, WE GATHER NOT ONLY TO CELEBRATE FIVE DECADES OF DEDICATED SERVICE AND UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO THE MARITIME INDUSTRY BUT ALSO TO REFLECT UPON OUR JOURNEY, ACKNOWLEDGE OUR ACHIEVEMENTS, AND CHART A COURSE FOR AN EVEN BRIGHTER FUTURE.

FIFTY YEARS AGO, MARINA WAS ESTABLISHED THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF PD 474 BY THEN PRESIDENT FERDINAND EDRALIN MARCOS WITH A VISION TO GUIDE AND SUPPORT THE GROWTH OF THE PHILIPPINE MARITIME INDUSTRY. OUR MISSION WAS CLEAR: TO PROMOTE SAFE, EFFICIENT, AND RELIABLE MARITIME SERVICES FOR THE NATION, WHILE ALSO ENSURING THE WELFARE OF OUR SEAFARERS AND FOSTERING SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES. OVER THE PAST FIVE DECADES, WE HAVE FACED NUMEROUS CHALLENGES, WITNESSED INCREDIBLE CHANGES, AND ACHIEVED REMARKABLE SUCCESSES. TODAY, WE STAND AS A TESTAMENT TO THE RESILIENCE, DEDICATION, AND PASSION OF EVERYONE WHO HAS BEEN PART OF THIS JOURNEY.

THROUGH THE YEARS, MARINA HAS REMAINED STEADFAST IN ITS MISSION TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT, REGULATION, AND SUPERVISION OF THE MARITIME INDUSTRY. THROUGH ROBUST POLICIES, RIGOROUS STANDARDS, AND PROACTIVE



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INITIATIVES, WE HAVE FOSTERED A CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION THAT HAS PROPELLED THE MARITIME SECTOR TO NEW HEIGHTS. FROM THE MODERNIZATION OF OUR MARITIME INFRASTRUCTURE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CUTTING-EDGE TECHNOLOGIES, WE HAVE CONTINUALLY ADAPTED TO THE EVER-CHANGING AND EVOLVING NEEDS OF THE INDUSTRY. OUR COMMITMENT TO FOSTERING SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP HAS NOT ONLY SAFEGUARDED OUR OCEANS BUT ALSO PRESERVED THE LIVELIHOODS OF COMMUNITIES AND COUNTLESS INDIVIDUALS DEPENDENT ON MARITIME RESOURCES.

AS WE REFLECT ON OUR HISTORY, WE RECOGNIZE THAT OUR ACHIEVEMENTS ARE NOT SOLELY OUR OWN. THEY ARE THE RESULT OF COLLECTIVE EFFORTS OF NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS - OUR SEAFARERS, SHIPOWNERS, INDUSTRY PARTNERS, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATORS. TODAY IS NOT ONLY A TIME FOR REMINISCING, BUT ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK FORWARD TOWARDS THE FUTURE.

AS WE EMBARK ON THIS NEXT CHAPTER OF MARINA'S JOURNEY, LET US REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TOWARDS GREEN AND DIGITAL MARITIME FUTURE. LET US EMBRACE CHANGE AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH AND SUSTAINABLE MARITIME. LET US CONTINUE TO WORK TIRELESSLY TOWARD A SAFER MARITIME TRANSPORT. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT WE COULD ACHIEVE MARINA'S GOALS WITH THE FULL AND STRONG SUPPORT FROM THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION OF OUR BELOVED PRESIDENT, PRESIDENT BONGBONG MARCOS, AS MANIFESTED IN THE SPEEDY ISSUANCE OF EO NO. 55, ADOPTING THE MARITIME INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PLAN (MIDP) 2028 AS WELL AS THE HANDS-ON INTERVENTION SHOWN BY OUR PRESIDENT FOR THE CONTINUING RECOGNITION OF OUR FILIPINO SEAFARERS.

I EXTEND MY DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO ALL, WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO MARINA'S SUCCESS OVER THE PAST FIFTY YEARS. YOUR DEDICATION, PASSION, AND COMMITMENT HAVE BEEN THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND OUR ACHIEVEMENTS, AND I AM IMMENSELY PROUD TO STAND ALONGSIDE YOU, THE MEN AND WOMEN OF MARINA, MY PREDECESSORS AND MENTORS - FORMER MARINA ADMINISTRATORS, DEPUTY



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ADMINISTRATORS, AND DIRECTORS WHO SERVE AS OUR INSPIRATION IN OUR JOURNEY. AS WE CELEBRATE THIS MOMENTOUS OCCASION, AGAIN, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR CONTRIBUTION.

SO, CHEERS TO FIFTY YEARS OF EXCELLENCE, AND TO MANY MORE YEARS OF CONTINUED SUCCESS. THANK YOU AND ONCE AGAIN, WELCOME TO MARINA'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.