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## Cheers to 50! Embarking on a Golden Voyage Towards a Green and Digital Maritime Future

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# MARINA MARKS 50 YEARS WITH TOMEI AWARDS, BOAT DESIGN CONTEST, MEDIA HONORS



The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) celebrated its 50th anniversary by honoring outstanding contributions to the maritime sector and recognizing media partners.

## TOMEI Awards:

MARINA bestowed the prestigious Timonel for Outstanding Maritime Entity or Individual (TOMEI) Awards, recognizing Tsuneishi Heavy Industries Cebu, Inc., Vice Admiral Eduardo Ma R. Santos, and Dr. Yohei Sasakawa for their exemplary contributions. Tsuneishi's ship exports and technology transfer have significantly impacted the industry. VADM Santos was recognized for his leadership in maritime education and labor, while Dr. Sasakawa was honored for his support of maritime development and innovation.

## Boat Design Contest:

The MARINA Boat Design Contest winners were announced during the anniversary. Paulo Robert Aguila of Bertoleta Engineering Services won the Professional Category with "MV Casco." In the Student Category, teams from the University of Cebu took all major awards, led by the champion team ALMIGHTTEAM. The contest aims to boost awareness of naval architecture and enhance Filipino boat designers' capabilities.

## Media Recognitions:

MARINA honored media contributions, awarding The Manila Times as "Media Partner of the Year" and naming Ms. Carmela Huelar and Ms. Roumina Pablo as "Maritime Journalists of the Year." Several journalists received certificates of recognition for their significant contributions to maritime reporting and advocacy.







## MARINA's Golden Jubilee: A Journey Towards Sustainable and Digital Maritime Future

On 01 June 2024, the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) celebrated its 50th anniversary with a grand event in Parañaque City. The theme, "Golden Voyage Towards Green and Digital Maritime Future," encapsulated the organization's forward-thinking vision and commitment to steering the maritime industry towards sustainability and technological advancement.

MARINA's golden jubilee was not just a celebration of its past achievements but also a testament to its relentless pursuit of innovation and environmental stewardship. The event was a confluence of past and present, as hundreds of former and current officials, including administrators, deputies, executive directors, and personnel, gathered to honor the institution's rich history and bright future.

Over the past five decades, MARINA has played a pivotal role in shaping the maritime industry in the Philippines. Its efforts have not only enhanced maritime safety and efficiency but also fostered economic growth and development. As we reflect on MARINA's journey, it is evident that the organization's success is rooted in its adaptability and proactive approach to addressing the industry's evolving challenges.

The theme of this year's celebration highlights two critical aspects of the maritime industry's future: sustainability and digitalization. As global attention increasingly turns towards environmental conservation, MARINA's commitment to a green maritime future is both timely and necessary. By promoting eco-friendly practices and sustainable technologies, MARINA is ensuring that the maritime industry can thrive without compromising the health of our planet.

Simultaneously, the emphasis on digitalization signifies MARINA's recognition of the transformative power of technology. In an era where digital solutions are revolutionizing industries worldwide, MARINA's push towards a digital maritime future is crucial. By leveraging technologies such as blockchain, artificial intelligence, and automation, MARINA aims to enhance operational efficiency, improve safety standards, and streamline regulatory processes.

As we look ahead, MARINA's vision of a green and digital maritime future holds great promise. By continuing to embrace change and champion progressive initiatives, MARINA is poised to navigate the challenges of the modern maritime landscape and drive the industry towards a brighter, more sustainable future.

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## PBBM reappoints Dinopol as Deputy Administrator for Operations

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. has reappointed Engr. Nannette Z. Villamor-Dinopol as the Deputy Administrator for Operations (DAO) of the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA). Engr. Dinopol took her oath before Department of Transportation (DOTr) Secretary Jaime J. Bautista on 24 June 2024.

Engr. Dinopol has dedicated 38 years to MARINA, previously serving as DAO from 2018 to March 2024. Her leadership and dedication have been instrumental in advancing the maritime industry, significantly contributing to its growth and development.

## MARINA backs gov't policy on refusal to sail in warzone, high-risk areas

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) supports the policy by the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) on refusal to sail in war zones or high-risk areas.

MARINA Administrator Sonia Malaluan expressed her support for seafarers invoking the government's policy on refusal to sail in war zones and high risk areas during the "Iba Ang May Alam! Forum on Seafarers Welfare" held at The Gallery, Rizal Park in Manila on 25 June 2024. The said event is part of the celebration of the Day of the Seafarers, as well as the 10th Anniversary of The Mission to Seafarers- Philippines.

Malaluan served as one of the panelists in the forum, and she stated that no value or money can replace the life of a seafarer. She also emphasized in the panel discussion that safety is non-negotiable. Seafarers are reminded to implement the safety management system on board, ensure that they wear the proper personal protective equipment (PPE), when necessary and always follow safety rules. She said that ensuring seafarers onboard are medically fit is not considered as discrimination. She also promotes the initiatives of MARINA particularly in digitalization which aims to streamline frontline services and appeals to seafarers to always follow the safety and security rules on board ships.

The other panelists in the forum were ITF inspector C/E Arvin Ivan Peralta, Atty. Alexis Ragonhon of AMOSUP, Ms. Abby Gallano of Pandiman and Capt. Ceferino Leal Jr. of ALMA-Westminster Seafarer Management Philippines, Inc.

## MARINA, DICT investigate cyberattack on web systems; seafarer data remains secure

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), with the assistance of the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), continued its investigation following a cyber attack that affected four of its web-based systems, according to Dr. Joseph Victor Generato, Director II of the Management Information and Systems Service (MISS) of the agency.

In an interview with Radyo Pilipinas, Dr. Generato stated that this was the first time such an incident had occurred at MARINA. Nevertheless, MARINA and the DICT-Cybercrime Investigation and Coordination Center (CICC) team, led by Undersecretary Alexander Ramos, were working on securing and assessing the affected systems to determine the extent of the data breach.

Despite the incident, Dr. Generato assured that the data of MARINA's seafarers had not been compromised. "Ginagawa po ng MARINA ang lahat ng aming makakaya upang maayos ang problemang ito sa pinakamaikling panahon," he added.

Meanwhile, MARINA aimed to restore normal operations of its systems to continue providing public service. The agency reaffirmed its commitment to safeguarding the information of its stakeholders and enhancing its cybersecurity measures to prevent future incidents.



## PH, France Strengthen Maritime Partnership



The Philippines and France reinforced their maritime partnership at the 2nd Philippine-French Day during PHILMARINE 2024. The event, themed "Philippine-France Technical Cooperation on Maritime Safety, Maritime Security, and Decarbonization," was held on 20 June 2024, at the SMX Convention Center, Pasay City, and was hosted by the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) and French Maritime Expert (FME).

The event saw participation from 15 French companies showcasing their latest products and expertise in the maritime sector. The morning session involved discussions among private stakeholders about the needs and challenges in the Philippine maritime industry. The afternoon session featured various government agencies from both countries focusing on collaborative efforts and technical advancements.

MARINA Administrator Sonia Malaluan expressed appreciation for the French speakers who traveled long distances to

share their knowledge and expand networking opportunities with their Filipino counterparts. She also recognized the efforts of FME's Emeric Faure, who has been assisting MARINA since November 2022.

An action plan was developed in relation to the Final Report on the IMO-WBG Project Study on Enhancing Safety and Energy Efficiency of Domestic Passenger Ships in the Philippines. Assistant Secretary for Maritime Atty. Julius Yano acknowledged the significance of the "PH-French Technical Conference," emphasizing the alignment with international standards.

The event was attended by MARINA OIC-Deputy Administrator for Operations Atty. Sharon de Chavez-Aledo, MARINA Chief of Staff Engr. Ramon Hernandez, PMMA Superintendent Commadore Joel Abutal, SBMA Senior Deputy Administrator Ronnie Yambao, GICAN Delegate Ms. Caroline Tisserand, and other government agencies and maritime stakeholders.

## MARINA, CRIMARIO II boosts collab with new trainings, SOP adoption

CRIMARIO II Representative for Southeast Asia and IORIS Trainer, Mr. Alexandru Chiric, met with MARINA-Enforcement Service Director Engr. Ronaldo Bandalaria to explore areas of collaboration, particularly in training and the adoption of specific IORIS SOPs on 04 June 2024 in Manila.

During the meeting, the two parties discussed the current status and future enhancements of the IORIS platform to ensure its effectiveness in monitoring and coordinating Philippine-registered vessels. They also focused on ways to strengthen the use of the platform and consolidate its application.

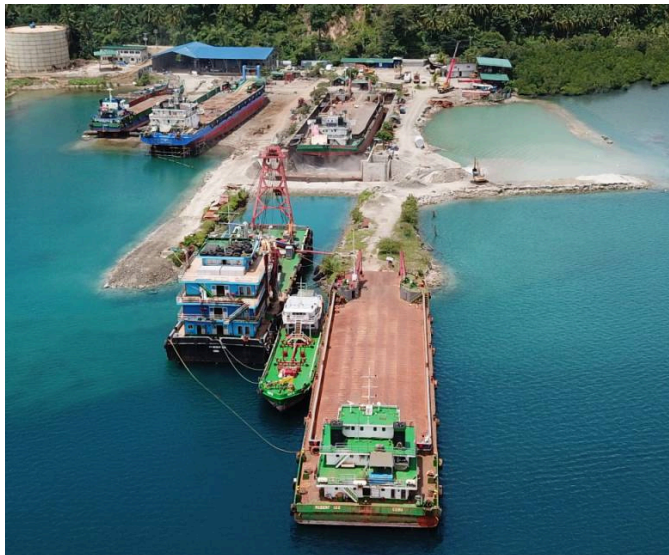
Mr. Chiric also conducted a one-day virtual refresher training course on 05 June 2024 for previously trained IORIS operators. The session was attended by 35 operators and observers from various MARINA Regional Offices and Central Service Units.

In line with this, the MARINA has committed to participating in virtual trainings and exercises alongside other agencies, such as the National Maritime Center, Philippine Coast Guard, Philippine Navy, and the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, which has ended last 20 June 2024.





# MARINA propels PH SBSR with new legislation, technological innovations



The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) is intensifying efforts to bolster the Philippine shipbuilding and ship repair (SBSR) industry, aiming to solidify the country's position among the world's top shipbuilding nations. At the forefront of this initiative is the advocacy for the Shipbuilding and Ship Repair (SBSR) Development Bill, a pivotal component of the Maritime Industry Development Plan (MIDP) 2028, recently endorsed through Executive Order No. 55.

Speaking at a recent event in Manila, MARINA Administrator Sonia B. Malaluan underscored the strategic importance of the SBSR Development Bill in attracting investments and providing essential incentives to propel sectoral growth. The agency is actively seeking legislative champions to prioritize the bill during the 20th Congress.

Aligned with the updated MIDP 2028, MARINA aims to modernize Philippine shipyards to meet both domestic and international sea transport demands, fostering job creation and increasing investments. According to MARINA's 2021 assessment report, local shipyards possess the capacity to construct ships up to 1,000 gross tons, showcasing their readiness for expanded roles in global maritime commerce. *(continue to page 7)*

## MARINA, Fireworks Host PhilMarine 2024, showcasing advances in maritime innovation and collaboration



Organized by the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) in partnership with Fireworks Trade Exhibitions and Conferences Philippines Inc., PhilMarine 2024 aims to bolster the Philippines' position as one of the world's top shipbuilding nations. It serves as a pivotal platform for showcasing cutting-edge maritime technologies and advancements in shipbuilding and offshore industries, fostering knowledge exchange and collaboration among industry leaders.

The highlight of the event is the International Technical Maritime Conference spanning all three days. MARINA hosts the sessions for the first two days, focusing on regulatory updates and technological innovations. The final day, led by the Ship Managers Association of the Philippines (SMAP) and the Marine and Technical Superintendent Association of the Philippines (MTSAP), explores operational best practices and industry insights. Concurrently, Fireworks Trade Exhibitions and Conferences Philippines Inc. and the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, Inc. (SONAME) offers seminars and training sessions. *(continue to page 7)*

The 9th edition of PhilMarine 2024 kicked off at the SMX Convention Center in Pasay City, drawing a robust international gathering of maritime, shipbuilding, and offshore industry professionals. Running from 19-21 June 2024, under the theme "Charting the Course to a Sustainable Maritime Industry: Innovation, Technology, and Collaboration," this year's event has attracted participants from 15 countries and features 305 exhibitors.

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## MARINA Propels PH SBSR...

The recent 3rd National Shipyards Convention in April 2024 concluded with a resounding commitment to legislative support, research and development, capacity building, and workforce enhancement within the SBSR sector. This collaborative effort underscores MARINA's dedication alongside industry stakeholders to advance the Philippine maritime industry comprehensively.

Technological innovation is also a cornerstone of MARINA's strategy, as evidenced by its renewed partnership with the Department of Science and Technology - Philippine Council for Industry, Energy, and Emerging Technology Research and Development (DOST-PCIEERD). This collaboration has already yielded promising results, including the demonstration of the "Safe, Efficient, and Sustainable Solar-Assisted Plug-In Electric Boat" (SESSY E-Boat) at the Manila Yacht Club, highlighting advancements in maritime sustainability.

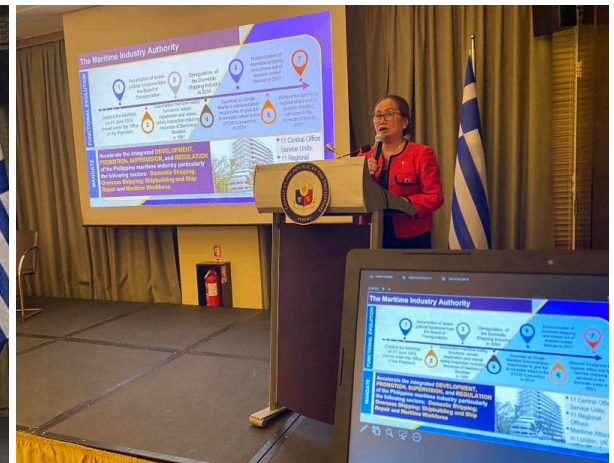
Looking forward, MARINA is set to roll out the "MARINA Blockchain-Enabled Automated Certification System" (MARINA BEST) in July 2024. This innovative platform aims to digitize and streamline frontline services, enhancing operational efficiency and promoting ease of business within the maritime sector.

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## MARINA, Fireworks Host...

In her remarks at the opening ceremony, MARINA Administrator Sonia B. Malaluan underscored the expo's role in convening global maritime professionals and stakeholders to showcase advancements in shipbuilding and maritime technologies.

Assistant Secretary Atty. Julius A. Yano from the Department of Transportation (DOTr) affirmed the government's commitment to supporting the maritime industry's growth through infrastructure enhancements, regulatory improvements, and sustainable practices.



## MARINA joins 1st PH Maritime Forum in Athens, Greece

The first-ever Philippine Maritime Forum, organized by the Philippine Embassy in Athens, was held on 11 June 2024 at the Intercontinental Hotel. The forum was attended by Greek shipowners, ship managers, and other maritime stakeholders.

MARINA Administrator Sonia Malaluan presented the Maritime Industry Development Plan 2028, highlighting investment opportunities in domestic shipping and shipbuilding. Updates and developments relating to seafarers were also shared.

The Department of Migrant Workers (DMW), represented by Assistant Secretary Atty. Jerome Pampolina, introduced the DMW as a new department, outlining its mandate and functions, as well as current programs for overseas Filipino workers. Besides seafarer issues, discussions also included the Single Maritime Window and Free Trade Agreements.

H.E. Ambassador Giovanni E. Palec expressed appreciation to all attendees and encouraged them to organize and establish a Greek-Philippine Maritime Association.





# MARINA honors Filipino seafarers with oath-taking, safety initiatives

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# Winning Shots of MARINA's Special Photo Competition



1ST PLACE

The MARINA has launched its Special Photo Contest with the theme, "Safety at Sea." This year's competition aimed to highlight the importance of safety at sea through captivating images that showcased actions, equipment, or practices promoting maritime safety.

Filipino seafarers play a vital role in navigating the world's oceans, and this contest provided an opportunity to honor their incredible journeys and unwavering commitment to safety. Participants were encouraged to submit their best photos that emphasized safety tips at sea, reflecting the theme of this year's celebration.



2ND PLACE



3RD PLACE



4TH PLACE



5TH PLACE



# MARINA targets to maintain top global position in seafaring and to modernize SBSR, domestic shipping fleet



The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) targets to not only maintain the top global position of the Philippines in providing seafarers but it also intends to increase the number of officers.

MARINA Administrator Sonia Malaluan mentioned the said goal of the Agency during the "State of Security, Economy and Environment of Philippine Seas" held at First Maritime Place, Makati City on 24 June 2024, as she served as one of the panelists during Session 2 entitled "The Philippine Shipping Industry and the Role of Filipino Global Maritime Professionals," along with Assistant Secretary for Maritime Atty. Julius Yano and PTC Group CEO Gerardo Borromeo.

During the panel discussion, Malaluan said that MARINA has been aggressively providing training for seafarers especially those who are working in domestic shipping. She also said that they are focusing on the comprehensive review of the STCW Convention. The Administrator added that they are expecting modern, bigger and environmentally compliant ships that will change the landscape in domestic shipping in relation to the amended Public Service Act.

In terms of shipbuilding and ship repair, Malaluan recognized the challenges including the availability of equipment and materials in constructing ships. She mentioned the Shipbuilding and Ship Repair Development Bill that MARINA is pushing, as well as the necessity of passing a legislation for ship registry, to address some issues and concerns in the maritime sector.

Meanwhile, the first panel session focused on updates on the Philippine maritime security situation while the third session explored Blue Economy especially its impacts and challenges.

# MARINA sets deadline for registration of newly constructed motorboats, bancas



In a move to further enhance maritime safety while ensuring proper documentation of newly constructed motorboats and bancas operating within Philippine waters, the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) has issued Advisory No. 2024-24 or the "Registration of Undocumented Newly Constructed Motorboats/Bancas." The registration deadline has been set for 28 June 2024.

Through the said Advisory, all newly constructed, undocumented motorboats and bancas must be registered by the stipulated deadline. Vessel owners are directed to submit their applications to the nearest MARINA Regional Office, accompanied by the following supporting documents:

1. Post Construction Plan/As-Built Plan or Skeleton Plan;
2. Duly Notarized Builder's Certificate or Certification from the Coastal Barangay;
3. Duly Notarized Affidavit of Ownership or Deed of Sale; and
4. Copy of Valid Government IDs of the Owner

To facilitate the registration process, MARINA Regional Offices will be conducting mobile admeasurement and registration activities, ensuring coverage of all newly constructed, undocumented motorboats and bancas prior to the deadline.

The said initiative underscores the agency's commitment to improving the safety standards of maritime operations in the Philippines.

# Domestic maritime safety depends on modernization, digitalization - MARINA



The MARINA underscored that the current maritime safety situation in the country can be best addressed by modernizing the country's domestic fleet, complemented by strong support for automation and digitalization of frontline services in the maritime sector.

That's what MARINA Planning and Policy Service (PPS) Director Mr. Luisito delos Santos stressed during the forum organized by The Manila Times on 14 June 2024, that the tapestry of the maritime industry has become so complex that understanding critical issues requires a holistic understanding understanding of the current challenges and the future direction of the country's maritime industry. understanding of the current challenges and the future direction of the country's maritime industry.

"If we want to promote the safety of navigation in our domestic waters, we have to strengthen the current regime of ship inspection while pushing initiatives to provide necessary support for our local shipyards to meet demands for domestic shipping modernization and pursue ease of doing business through automation and digitalization," he added.

Delos Santos further said that "a legislative enactment to modernize the current state of the country's shipbuilding industry is the most practical way to elevate the playing field between local and multinational shipbuilding entities operating in various economic zones in the country."

## PH, Greece discuss areas to upgrade maritime education and training

The Philippines through the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) and the Hellenic Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy through the Hellenic Merchant Marine Academy discussed areas to upgrade maritime education and training in Aspropyrgos, Greece.

MARINA Administrator Sonia Malaluan, Chief of Staff Engr. Ramon Hernandez and other members of the Philippine delegation met with Cmdr. Katsikas S. Konstantinos, MSc, MA, Deputy Commander, Hellenic Coast Guard and other officials of the Merchant Marine Academy discussed how to continuously improve the training system considering the development of new technologies and current challenges in the shipping industry.

The two parties exchanged their insights particularly in enhancing plans and programs related to maritime education and training that would eventually benefit the seafarers and other maritime stakeholders of both countries.

The Hellenic Merchant Marine Academy presented the maritime education system in Greece, while the Hellenic Coast Guard shared the functions of their organization and



how they contribute to international maritime transport services and economic value of the EU shipping industry.



# Maritime, Labor officials celebrate 126th PH Independence Day with Fil community in Greece



The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) joined the Filipino community in Athens, Greece for the celebration of the 126th Philippine Independence Day.

Led by Ambassador Giovanni Palec, MARINA Administrator Sonia Malaluan, the DMW Officials and the Philippine delegation along with Filipino migrant workers held the Independence Day Celebration at the 31st Open Basketball Court of the Organismo Neolias Kai Athlisis.

With the theme "Kalayaan, Kinabukasan and Kasaysayan", Malaluan said that the MARINA is doing its part to ensure that Filipino seafarers are free to go on board any type of ships globally. She said that it is also to ensure a brighter future for their families while making history as the best seafarers in the world.

During the event, MARINA Officials also met Filipino seafarers working onboard Greek yachts, as well as other former ship's officers who are now working in Greek shipping companies. The Administrator asked them of any problem or concern they may have when it comes to securing seafarers' documents and certification to which they responded on the negative.



# PH joins Posidonia 2024



The Philippines, led by H.E. Giovanni E. Palec, Ambassador of the Philippines to the Hellenic Republic, participated in Posidonia 2024, the world's premier shipping event. With over 2,000 exhibitors from 82 countries, 23 national pavilions, and 68 maritime conferences, forums, and seminars, the said event stood as a pivotal gathering for the global maritime industry.

The participation of the Philippines in this year's Posidonia underscored the country's commitment to strengthening its maritime sector. As a key player in global shipping, the country aimed to leverage this platform to enhance international collaboration, promote Filipino maritime services, and foster sustainable practices within the industry.

Ambassador Palec was accompanied by Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) Administrator Sonia B. Malaluan, Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) Asec Jerome Pampolina, Asec Mario Zinampan, National Maritime Polytechnic (NMP) Capt Chito Go, MARINA Chief of Staff Director Ramon Hernandez, and other Athens-PE officials.

Exhibitors in Posidonia 2024 included companies with offices/branches in the Philippines such as Marlow Navigation, Status Maritime, Jotun, and Seatrium Shipyards.



# PH Maritime agencies convene to finalize IMSAS Report, National Strategy updates

As the country awaits the receipt of the IMSAS Interim report from the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the IMSAS Inter-agency Technical Working Group (TWG), pursuant to Executive Order No 84, convened its fourth meeting in Manila on 28 May 2024.

The meeting was convened with the aim of finalizing the inputs on the Draft Form – B, a document that will be submitted to the IMO containing the root causes and corrective actions to be taken in addressing the findings during the IMSAS audit.

The meeting likewise discussed the initial comments of the TWG members on the revision of the Philippine Maritime Strategy for 2025-2029, which is the national work programme on IMSAS.

The IMSAS Inter-agency Technical Working Group Meeting was attended by representatives from the Department of Transportation (DOTr), Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), Cebu Port Authority (CPA), Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA), Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA), National Telecommunications Commission (NTC), and National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA).



# MARINA launches Kid's Corner to promote gender equality and family-friendly workplaces



To advance its Gender and Development (GAD) agenda, the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) unveiled a vibrant Kid's Corner at its Central Office on 31 May 2024.

This initiative aims not only to improve family-friendly services but also to cultivate inclusivity and bolster support for gender equality within the workplace. By providing this facility, MARINA acknowledges the significance of assisting working parents, regardless of gender, thereby promoting workplace gender equality.

Located on the 3rd floor of the MARINA Central Office, the Kid's Corner features colorful toys and child-friendly furniture, reflecting MARINA's commitment to fostering a conducive environment for both employees and visitors.



The MARINA Regional Office IV (MRO 4) facilitated a work immersion and benchmarking activity at the MRO4 Office in Batangas in response to a request from the Bangsamoro Maritime Industry Authority (BMARINA) on 20 June 2024.

The activity included interactive discussions and demonstrations, allowing BMARINA representatives to gain first hand experience with MARINA's operational strategies. Topics covered various aspects of maritime regulation, safety protocols, and administrative processes, essential for fostering a safe and efficient maritime environment.

This initiative underscores MARINA's commitment to enhancing regional maritime capabilities and promoting a cohesive maritime sector across the Philippines. By facilitating such knowledge-sharing activities, MARINA aims to strengthen inter-agency cooperation and drive significant improvements in the maritime industry, ensuring regions like BARMM are equipped for sustainable development and operational excellence.

The MARINA Regional Office X (MRO 10) conducted its 2nd Quarter Maritime Safety Advisory Board (MSAB) meeting via video conferencing which focused on critical policy updates regarding domestic shipping and manpower on 26 June 2024.

Council members and representatives of Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) PMO-Cagayan de Oro, PPA PMO-Misamis Occidental/Ozamiz, PPA PMO-Lanao del Norte/Iligan, the Coast Guard District Northern Mindanao, and various maritime stakeholders attended the discussion.



## MARINA-Zamboanga conducts Maritime Forum to enhance safety and coordination

The MARINA Regional Office IX (MRO 9) convened the 1st Semester 2024 MARINA-PCG-PPA Forum at the MRO9 Conference Room.

The gathering aimed to update partner agencies on new directives and enhance camaraderie in the maritime industry.

Key highlights of the forum included updates on new directives such as MA No. 2024-09, MA No. 2024-012, and MA No. 2024-024 presented by MRO 9. Coast Guard District Southwestern Mindanao (CGDSWM) introduced MC 02-2013, while the Philippine Ports Authority PMO-Zamboanga outlined plans for the Port and Maritime Management Advisory Council (PMMAC) and Port Security Advisory Council (PSAC) meetings.

The forum also addressed recent maritime incidents and clarified agency policies, reaffirming the commitment of all parties involved to ensure the safety of life and property at sea within the maritime sector.



## MARINA-PExO engages in a Stakeholders Meeting in Bohol

The MARINA Regional Office VII Panglao Extension Office (MARINA-PExO) participated in a stakeholder meeting at the Panglao Cultural Center, convened by the Municipality of Panglao on 05 June 2024.

MARINA-PExO presented an overview of the MARINA Blockchain-Enabled System, aiming to streamline maritime processes. It also facilitated an onsite issuance of vessel and crew documents, ensuring immediate benefits for attendees from the updated information and procedures shared during the meeting.

The meeting was attended by Hon. Mayor Edgardo F. Arcay, alongside representatives from various sectors, including the fisherfolk community, boat owners and operators, among others.





## MRO-Tacloban discusses MARINA's initiatives on DYVL Aksyon Radyo



The MARINA Regional Office VIII (MRO 8) Regional Director Atty. Eusebia A. Cadlum-Boco was a featured guest on DYVL Aksyon Radyo Tacloban's program "SULIBANGKO PARE," hosted by Joannes Omang on 06 June 2024.

During the live broadcast, Atty. Boco emphasized the vital role of MARINA in the maritime industry, detailing the agency's extensive range of services. She provided key updates on MARINA's ongoing modernization efforts, including the phase-out of wooden-hulled motorbancas.

Atty. Boco also shared important advisories: MARINA Advisory 2024-12 extends the Amnesty Program for the Registration of Recreational Ships to December 31, 2024. Additionally, MARINA Advisory 2024-24 mandates the registration of undocumented newly constructed motorboats/bancas before the MARINA-BEST launch on 01 July 2024.

## MRO-Cebu spearheads maritime safety discussions at Cebu City Forum



The MARINA Regional Office VII (MRO 7) joined the Navigational Safety Forum in response to an invitation from the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), held in Cebu City on 19 June 2024,.

The forum, themed "Bridging Gaps Towards Safer Navigation in Central Visayas," gathered stakeholders to address critical issues in maritime safety.

During the event, MRO 7's Engr. Paul Khevin T. Arcuino presented regulations pertaining to the registration and licensing of ship-breaking and ship-recycling facilities. Engr. Arcuino also outlined guidelines for the implementation of the Automatic Identification System (AIS) for passenger and cargo vessels exceeding specified tonnages.



