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**TRAINING COURSE ON DRY DOCK OPERATIONS
FOR BIOFOULING PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT**

CLOSING REMARKS

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TO OUR RESOURCE PERSON DR. RALITSA MIHAYLOVA, OF
SAFINAH GROUP.

PARTICIPANTS FROM MARITIME ASSOCIATIONS AND SHIPPING
COMPANIES;

COLLEAGUES FROM THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES;

ESTEEMED GUESTS;

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

GOOD AFTERNOON.

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO ALL OF YOU FOR
JOINING THIS TWO-DAY TRAINING COURSE ON DRY DOCK
OPERATIONS FOR BIOFOULING PREVENTIONS AND
MANAGEMENT.

THOUGH MOST OF YOU HAVE HAD BASIC TRAINING ON
BIOFOULING AND SOME MAY BE EVEN EXPERTS ON THIS

SUBJECT , I HOPE THAT THIS TRAINING PROVIDED YOU WITH DEEPER APPRECIATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPORTANCE OF MANAGING BIOFOULING, AS OUR INDUSTRY, AFTER ALL IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST CONTRIBUTORS TO THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE AQUATIC SPECIES.

ALONG WITH MY SINCEREST APPRECIATION, I CALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO THE MARITIME INDUSTRY AS WE CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD FOR THE SUCCESSFUL AND FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2023 GUIDELINES FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS BIOFOULING.

YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS ACTIVITY IS A MANIFESTATION OF OUR SHARED COMMITMENT AND COLLECTIVE EFFORT TO IMPLEMENT EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF BIOFOULING FOR A GREENER MARINE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE SHIPPING INDUSTRY.

AT THIS JUNCTURE, ALLOW ME TO EXTEND MY GRATITUDE TO THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO), THROUGH THE IMO REGIONAL PRESENCE COORDINATOR IN EAST ASIA, FOR THE UNWAVERING SUPPORT THAT THEY HAVE BEEN CONSISTENTLY EXTENDING TO THE PHILIPPINES TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN OUR EFFORTS IN ENSURING OUR FULL COMPLIANCE WITH OUR INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK OUR PARTNERS FROM PEMSEA FOR SUPPORTING US IN THIS UNDERTAKING.

MY GRATITUDE ALSO GOES TO OUR RESOURCE PERSON , DR. RALITSA MIHAYLOVA, FOR ACCEPTING THIS ENGAGEMENT, FOR SHARING HER EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE TO US, AND TO ALL PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN THIS TRAINING.

LASTLY, LET ME EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO THE OVERSEAS SHIPPING SERVICE FOR WORKING TIRELESSLY BEFORE AND DURING THIS ACTIVITY.

IN CLOSING, LET ME SHARE A QUOTE BY HENRY FORD WHICH SAYS “COMING TOGETHER IS A BEGINNING. KEEPING TOGETHER IS PROGRESS.WORKING TOGETHER IS A SUCCESS.”

WITH THAT, I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO CONTINUE TO WORK FOR THE BETTERMENT AND SUCCESS OF THE MARITIME INDUSTRY. TOGETHER WE CAN DO GREATER THINGS FOR THE OUR NATION AND THE WORLD.

THANK YOU AT MULI MAGANDANG HAPON