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PEER REVIEW FOR PHILIPPINE SBSR UNDER OECD-WP6
Maritime Stakeholders' Forum and Dinner with Concerned Government
Agencies

WELCOME REMARKS

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I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS TODAY WHO SHARED THEIR TIME AND EFFORT TO ATTEND THIS STAKEHOLDERS' FORUM AND DINNER IN RELATION TO OUR PEER REVIEW ON SBSR. THIS IS UNUSUAL THAT WE ARE CONDUCTING A FORUM AT THIS HOUR OF THE DAY BUT I GUESS WE ARE INDEED MAXIMIZING THE TIME AND THE VISIT OF OUR EXPERTS.

SO, IMMEDIATELY, MARINA ACCEPTED THIS SCHEDULE BECAUSE WE KNOW THIS COLLABORATION WILL BRING US A VERY GOOD OUTCOME. THIS MARITIME STAKEHOLDERS' FORUM WITH THE CONCERNED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TONIGHT AND THEN TOMORROW, WE WILL HAVE A SEPARATE A STAKEHOLDERS' FORUM WITH OUR PRIVATE SECTOR STAKEHOLDERS. SO, I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THIS VERY BRIEF BUT I HOPE A VERY IMPORTANT CONVERSATION WILL BE WORTH OUR TIME.

SO, BEING AN ARCHIPELAGIC NATION, THE PHILIPPINES HAS ALWAYS BEEN CONSIDERED AS AN IDEAL PLACE IN MAXIMIZING THE POTENTIAL OF MARITIME INDUSTRY PARTICULARLY IN SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR SECTOR. BACK IN THE LATE 1970s, THE SBSR INDUSTRY STARTED IN OUR COUNTRY THROUGH JOINT VENTURES BETWEEN LOCAL AND FOREIGN FIRMS. ¹ SINCE THEN, LOCAL ENTITIES CONTINUE TO ADAPT IN

¹ Philippine SBSR Situation Report 2022 <https://marina.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/PHILIPPINE-SBSR-SITUATION-REPORT-2022.pdf>



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THE EVOLUTION OF THE PHILIPPINE SBSR SECTOR AS FOREIGN PLAYERS SHOW THEIR INTEREST IN INVESTING HERE IN THE PHILIPPINES UNTIL OUR COUNTRY WAS RECOGNIZED AS A CONSISTENT MEMBER OF THE TOP FIVE (5) SHIPBUILDING NATIONS IN THE WORLD. ²

SO, THE CONTINUOUS IMPLEMENTATION OF PLANS AND PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS VARIOUS COLLABORATIONS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND PRIVATE MARITIME STAKEHOLDERS PLAY A VERY CRUCIAL ROLE IN SUSTAINING THE GROWTH OF THE MARITIME INDUSTRY AND THE OVERALL ECONOMY OF THE COUNTRY. IT IS WITH GREAT HONOR TO BE HERE TODAY AND WELCOME YOU TO THIS STAKEHOLDERS' FORUM, WHICH WILL SERVE AS AN AVENUE IN DISCUSSING POLICIES, PRACTICES, MEASURES AND OTHER MATTERS FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE SBSR INDUSTRY.

THIS PEER REVIEW IS VERY IMPORTANT IN HAVING A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS ON THE CHALLENGES THAT THE SBSR SECTOR IS FACING, AS WELL AS IDENTIFYING SOLUTIONS THAT WE MAY CONSIDER TO IMPLEMENT FOR THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF THE SECTOR.

² UNCTAD Review of Maritime Transport 2022
https://unctad.org/system/files/official-document/rmt2022_en.pdf
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SO, LAST YEAR, THE MARINA RECORDED A TOTAL OF 123 MARINA REGISTERED AND LICENSED SBSR ENTITIES IN THE COUNTRY. I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO KEEP IN MIND THAT CONDUCTING STUDIES SUCH AS THIS PEER REVIEW IS SIGNIFICANT IN CRAFTING POLICIES THAT WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE PERFORMANCE OF OUR SHIPYARDS IN TERMS OF THEIR CAPABILITY AND CAPACITY TO ADDRESS AND PROVIDE THE MUCH-NEEDED SHIPBUILDING FOR OUR DOMESTIC SHIPS. THIS WILL ALSO PROVIDE SUBSTANTIVE INPUTS IN THE CRAFTING OF THE SBSR DEVELOPMENT BILL, WHICH THE MARINA HAS BEEN PUSHING AGGRESIVELY IN THE CONGRESS. SO, THIS BILL IS ONE OF THE “PRIORITY BILLS” OF THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION, AS IT WILL ATTRACT MORE INVESTMENTS, MORE EXPANSION AND MODERNIZATION OF THE SBSR FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS.

SO AGAIN, WE HAVE BEEN SAYING THIS REPEATEDLY THAT UNDER OUR MARITIME INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PLAN (MIDP) 2028, ONE OF THE PROJECTS IS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MARITIME INDUSTRIAL PARK (MIP). THE MARINA IS ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR A POSSIBLE LOCATION OF THE INDUSTRIAL PARK AS WE AIM TO HAVE A ONE-STOP-SHOP FOR SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR SERVICES TO REDUCE THE COST THAT IS ATTRIBUTED TO THE IMPORTATION OF MATERIALS, AS WELL AS THE TIME NEEDED TO HAVE THESE MATERIALS, SPARE PARTS AND ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW BUILDINGS, SINCE MOST OF THEM OUR FROM FOREIGN MANUFACTURERS. SO, THIS

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WILL DEFINITELY ENHANCE THE SBSR CAPACITY OF THE PHILIPPINE MARITIME INDUSTRY, MAKING IT SELF-SUFFICIENT IN TERMS OF OUR SHIPPING IN THE DOMESTIC OR PHILIPPINE WATERS.

SO, I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT THIS PEER REVIEW WILL ALSO CONTRIBUTE IN TERMS OF IMPROVING SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR WHILE CAPITALIZING THE BENEFITS OF EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES TO ENHANCE MARITIME SAFETY AND MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION.

AT THIS TIME, MY APPRECIATION GOES TO THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT AND THE OECD PEER REVIEW TEAM FOR THIS COLLABORATION. THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT IS A GREAT PARTNER ESPECIALLY WITH THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE FRENCH MARITIME EXPERT WHO HAS BEEN ASSISTING MARINA IN DIFFERENT ASPECTS SUCH AS ENSURING THE COMPLIANCE OF SHIPS TO SAFETY STANDARDS.

WITH THAT, LET US ALL MAXIMIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY THAT IS GIVEN TO US TONIGHT IN THIS FORUM. THERE WILL BE PRESENTATIONS THAT WILL HIGHLIGHT CAPACITY BUILDING, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES, FINANCING PROGRAMS AND OTHER CURRENT TRENDS AND LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN THE SBSR SECTOR.

SO AGAIN, GOOD EVENING AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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