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**SUBREGIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
HONG KONG CONVENTION**

TO MR. JUN SUN OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO);

TO ATTY. JOSEPHINE URANZA, THE IMO REGIONAL PRESENCE IN EAST ASIA;

TO MS. GUDRIN JANSSENS OF THE BALTIC AND INTERNATIONAL MARITIME COUNCIL;

TO MR. TAKESHI NARUSE OF NIPPON KAIJI KYOKAI;

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS;

DELEGATES;

COLLEAGUES;

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

GOOD MORNING!

ALLOW ME TO WELCOME ALL OF YOU TO MANILA FOR THE SUBREGIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HONG KONG CONVENTION.

FIRST, WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION FOR CHOOSING THE PHILIPPINES AS THE HOST COUNTRY OF THIS WORKSHOP UNDER THE INTEGRATED TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAM (ITCP). INDEED, YOUR UNWAVERING SUPPORT TO THE PHILIPPINES IS PAVING THE WAY TO ASSIST IN INTENSIFYING OUR EFFORTS TO ENSURE OUR COMPLIANCE WITH OUR INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS.

SECOND TO MS. JANSEN AND MR. NARUSE, WE EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR YOUR TIME AND WILLINGNESS TO SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTIES. I AM ASSURED AND CONFIDENT THAT THIS WORKSHOP WILL BE FILLED WITH NEW LEARNINGS THE PARTICIPANTS WILL TAKE BACK TO THEIR HOME COUNTRIES.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS THREE-DAY WORKSHOP AIMS TO HELP US GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND IN-DEPTH KNOWLEDGE OF THE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENT OF THE *HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND RECYCLING OF SHIPS*, WHICH WAS ADOPTED ON MAY 15, 2009 AND WILL FINALLY ENTER INTO FORCE ON JUNE 26, 2025.

THIS CONVENTION INTENDS TO ENSURE THAT SHIP RECYCLING IS DONE IN A SAFE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND MANNER AND THAT THESE SHIPS TO BE RECYCLED DO NOT POSE ANY UNNECESSARY RISK TO HUMAN SAFETY AND HEALTH OR TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

RECOGNIZING OUR VITAL ROLES IN ITS IMPLEMENTATION, I ENJOIN EVERYONE HERE TODAY TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE DISCUSSIONS, AND TOGETHER, LET US DEEPLY UNDERSTAND ITS IMPORTANCE AND THE NEED TO UNITE OUR ACTS FOR ITS EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION.

LASTLY, I WANT TO CONVEY OUR APPRECIATION TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS FOR JOINING US IN THIS VERY IMPORTANT UNDERTAKING. I WISH YOU ALL A FRUITFUL AND INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP.

GOOD MORNING AND MABUHAY!

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