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To MARINA's esteemed partner, The Philippine Coast Guard led by Admiral Ronnie Gavan and all its officials present today,

MARINA Central Office and Regional Office Directors and OICs,

fellow workers in government, good morning and a big thank you for organizing the 2<sup>nd</sup> PCG-MARINA FORUM.

The MARINA in line with its mandate and as one of its priority programs, is committed in ensuring the safety of life and property at sea and the protection of marine environment thru effective implementation and enforcement of maritime rules and regulations.

Since my appointment as MARINA Administrator, I have consistently emphasized the importance of collaboration and communication with other government agencies and entities that share our objectives. It is through stronger partnership between MARINA and the PCG that we could

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effectively achieve our goal of safe and sustainable shipping operations, improve the country's maritime safety record and avoid similar incidents like the MTKr Princess Empress and Aya Express incidents.

I believe that the best partnership is not only dependent on a mere common goal but more importantly on a shared path of equality, desire and passion. The MARINA- PCG Forum is one venue where we can showcase our agencies' desire and passion to enhance maritime safety. Common understanding and uniform implementation of maritime rules and regulations is vital in the effective enforcement of the same and that is one of our objectives in the continuous conduct of this dialogue. Shared knowledge based on each organization's issued advisories, circulars and activities serves as catalyst where understanding and cooperative action is acquired.

Through this platform, we can leverage on synergy where the combined efforts of PCG and MARINA working together could achieve more than what could be achieved by each organization working separately and independently from each other. Synergy between MARINA and PCG could be achieved through harmonious interaction of our team members fueled by shared goals, effective communication and complementary skills.

As we continue to face and overcome the challenges in the maritime industry brought about by emerging technologies, green solutions and new business models, we are confident that the Philippines is well-prepared and strategically positioned. Through collaborative efforts and structured agreements between our organizations, the Philippine maritime industry will be equipped with the knowledge and mechanisms necessary to achieve our common goals. This initiative aims to address the evolving needs of the maritime sector, ultimately making the Philippines a stronger maritime nation.

Let us once again take this opportunity to have a very open yet meaningful discussion of the current issues, latest developments and policy gaps, if any, to ensure effective implementation and enforcement of maritime rules and regulations.

In closing, let me express my wholehearted appreciation and gratitude to the leadership of the Philippine Coast Guard for this continuing collaboration and for generously hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> PCG- MARINA FORUM this year.

**MARAMING SALAMAT PO AT MABUHAY TAYONG LAHAT!**