

WELCOME REMARKS

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TO OUR COLLEAGUES FROM DOJ, DOTR, DFA, PCG,.PPA, SBMA,
CPA, FELLOW WORKERS IN MARINA, ESTEEMEND PARTICIPANTS,
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, GOOD MORNING.

I AM PLEASED TO WELCOME YOU ALL TO THIS NATIONAL
WORKSHOP ON THE IMO CIVIL LIABILITY AND COMPENSATION
CONVENTIONS. IT IS MARINA'S HONOR TO BRING THIS WORKSHOP
TO THE PHILIPPINES THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME

ORGANIZATION'S INTEGRATED TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION PROGRAMME (ITCP) TO SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS TOWARDS THE ACCESSION AND IMPLEMENTATION IN THE PHILIPPINES OF THE IMO LIABILITY AND COMPENSATION REGIME.

WE EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO THE IMO FOR THE UNWAVERING SUPPORT THAT IS CONTINUOUSLY BEING EXTENDED TO OUR COUNTRY IN INTENSIFYING OUR EFFORTS TO EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENT IMO INSTRUMENTS WHICH ARE FUNDAMENTAL TO PROMOTING A ROBUST MARITIME REGULATORY FRAMEWORK.

WITH THIS WORKSHOP, WE AIM TO DEEPEN OUR UNDERSTANDING OF KEY CONVENTIONS SUCH AS THE CLC/FUND CONVENTION, THE 1996/2010 HNS CONVENTION, THE 2001 BUNKERS CONVENTION, AND SEVERAL OTHERS. THE WORKSHOP WILL PRESENT AND DISCUSS PRINCIPLES, AND PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS, OF THE SAID CONVENTIONS WITH A PARTICULAR FOCUS ON IT'S PURPOSE AND IMPORTANCE TO THE MARITIME INDUSTRY.

WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE WITH US A DISTINGUISHED LEGAL OFFICER FROM THE IMO LEGAL AFFAIRS OFFICE TOGETHER WITH OFFICERS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL OIL POLLUTION COMPENSATION (IOPC) FUNDS SECRETARIAT AND THE INTERNATIONAL GROUP (IG) OF P&I CLUBS LEADING OUR DISCUSSIONS. THEIR EXPERTISE AND INSIGHTS WILL PROVIDE US INVALUABLE GUIDANCE AS WE NAVIGATE THE INTRICACIES OF THESE CONVENTIONS. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT BY THE END OF THIS WORKSHOP, WE WILL GAIN BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE

CONVENTIONS AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION THAT IS ESSENTIAL TOWARDS THE RATIFICATION/ACCESSION AND COMPLETE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE VITAL IMO LIABILITY INSTRUMENTS.

I ENCOURAGE ALL PARTICIPANTS - OUR LAWYERS FROM THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION, POLICY MAKERS AND LEGISLATIVE DRAFTERS TO ACTIVELY ENGAGE IN THE DISCUSSIONS, ASK QUESTIONS AND SHARE NATIONAL OR LOCAL CIRCUMSTANCES. YOUR INSIGHTS REGARDING THE PHILIPPINE LAW-MAKING PROCESS AND THE CHALLENGES YOU HAVE FACED WILL ENRICH OUR DIALOGUE AND ENHANCE OUR COLLECTIVE UNDERSTANDING.

ONCE AGAIN, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR YOUR PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION IN THIS VITAL UNDERTAKING, I AM CONFIDENT THAT OUR DISCUSSIONS WILL SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTE TO ADVANCING OUR MARITIME LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK, REINFORCING OUR COMMITMENT TO SAFETY, SUSTAINABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN OUR MARITIME OPERATIONS.

LET US SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COLLABORATE, SHARE KNOWLEDGE AND ENGAGE IN FRUITFUL DISCUSSIONS THAT WILL PAVE THE WAY FOR A BRIGHTER, SAFER MARITIME FUTURE FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN AND I WISH YOU ALL A PRODUCTIVE WORKSHOP. GOOD MORNING.

