

**INTER-AGENCY WRITESHOP ON THE REVIEW AND FINALIZATION OF THE
PHILIPPINE MARITIME STRATEGY (PMS) IN COMPLIANCE TO THE
INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO) MEMBER STATE AUDIT
SCHEME (IMSAS)**

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Widus Hotel, Clark, Pampanga

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MARINA DIRECTORS/OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE AND PERSONNEL,

A PLEASANT MORNING TO ALL OF YOU.

IT IS MY PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU ALL TO THE INTER-AGENCY
WRITESHOP ON THE REVIEW AND FINALIZATION OF THE PHILIPPINE
MARITIME STRATEGY (PMS), ON THE IMPLEMENTATION AND
ENFORCEMENT OF RELEVANT INSTRUMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL
MARITIME ORGANIZATION.

THIS WRITESHOP, WHICH WILL RUN FROM TODAY (**FEBRUARY 18**) UNTIL
FRIDAY (**FEBRUARY 21**), PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CROSS-AGENCY
COLLABORATION, AS IT BRINGS TOGETHER A DIVERSE GROUP OF
OFFICIALS, PERSONNEL AND EXPERTS REPRESENTING THE PHILIPPINE
MARITIME ADMINISTRATION, ALL WORKING TOWARDS THE SHARED GOAL OF
STRENGTHENING OUR MARITIME POLICIES AND STRATEGIES.

AS I RECALLED, IT WAS IN 2009 THAT THE ABSENCE OF AN OVERALL STRATEGY TO ENSURE THE FULFILLMENT OF FLAG, PORT AND COASTAL STATE OBLIGATIONS OF THE PHILIPPINES WAS AN OBSERVATION DURING THE VOLUNTARY IMSAS (VIMSAS) WHICH IS ALSO A RECOMMENDATION UNDER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF IMO INSTRUMENTS (III) CODE, OR THE AUDIT STANDARD OF THE IMSAS.

HENCE, THROUGH THE IMSAS INTER-AGENCY TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP, THE PHILIPPINES DEVELOPED ITS MARITIME STRATEGY TO ENSURE THE FULFILLMENT OF ITS OBLIGATIONS. IN JUNE 2020, THE FIVE-YEAR PHILIPPINE MARITIME STRATEGY WAS APPROVED AND ADOPTED AS THE NATIONAL WORK PROGRAMME THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF IMSAS COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 01

THE STRATEGY SERVES AS AN ESSENTIAL FRAMEWORK ENSURING THAT THE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND OFFICES COMPRISING THE PHILIPPINE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION ADHERE TO INTERNATIONAL MARITIME STANDARDS AND PRACTICES. IT PROVIDES A ROBUST STRATEGY TO MEET OUR OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AS A FLAG, PORT AND COASTAL STATE. MOREOVER, THE STRATEGY OUTLINES KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS TO ASSESS AND ENSURE THE EFFECTIVE PERFORMANCE OF THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE INSTRUMENTS COVERED BY THE III CODE

AS THE PERIOD COVERED BY THE STRATEGY ENDS IN 2024, IT IS VITAL TO REVISIT AND REVISE THIS DOCUMENT TO LAY DOWN ANOTHER 5-YEAR PLAN THAT WILL FACILITATE THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE MANDATORY INSTRUMENTS WHILE ADDRESSING THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS IDENTIFIED IN THE RECENT IMSAS AUDIT UNDERTAKEN IN OCTOBER 2023.

IT IS CRUCIAL THAT WE ACTIVELY MONITOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND ASSESS THE PERFORMANCE OF RELEVANT ENTITIES TO ENSURE THAT OUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS A MEMBER STATE ARE CARRIED OUT EFFECTIVELY.

HENCEFORTH, I ENCOURAGE EACH AND EVERYONE TO ACTIVELY ENGAGE, SHARE INSIGHTS, AND COLLABORATE THROUGHOUT THIS WRITESHOP. YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE VITAL IN DEVELOPING THE PHILIPPINE MARITIME STRATEGY THAT WILL SERVE AS OUR ROADMAP IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, WHICH WILL REINFORCE OUR POSITION AS A STRONG AND COMPETITIVE PLAYER IN THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME COMMUNITY; AND AS A RESPONSIBLE MEMBER OF THE IMO.

TOGETHER, LET US WORK AS ONE TEAM TOWARDS EFFECTIVE AND FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF IMO INSTRUMENTS WITH THE END GOAL OF ENHANCING MARITIME SAFETY, SECURITY, PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF MARINE ENVIRONMENT AND THE SAFETY OF OUR SEAFARERS.

WITH THAT, I LOOK FORWARD TO A PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS.

THANK YOU AND ONCE AGAIN GOOD MORNING.

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