



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

**WIND VANE AWARDS**

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**THREE-MINUTE ACCEPTANCE SPEECH**  
**21 March 2025, 6:00 PM**  
**Monet Novotel Manila Araneta City, Quezon City**

**SONIA B. MALALUAN**  
**Administrator**  
**Maritime Industry Authority**

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**[OPENING SPIEL: ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS]**

**TO DOST-PAGASA ADMINISTRATOR NATHANIEL SERVANDO,**  
**Ph.D.;**

**TO ALL THE AWARDEES; DISTINGUISHED GUESTS;**

**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN;**

**A PLEASANT EVENING TO EVERYONE.**

**I AM EXTREMELY HONORED TO RECEIVE THIS AWARD ON  
BEHALF OF THE MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY OR MARINA  
AND WE ARE TRULY GRATEFUL TO DOST-PAGASA FOR THE  
RECOGNITION.**

**WE, IN MARINA ALWAYS VALUE THE IMPORTANCE OF TIMELY  
AND RELIABLE WEATHER INFORMATION AND BULLETINS, AS  
THEY ARE ESSENTIAL IN THE SAFE OPERATIONS OF SHIPS AND  
IN THE ISSUANCE OF NAVIGATIONAL RESTRICTION OR  
LIMITATION DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER, IF WARRANTED.**



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**UNDER MY LEADERSHIP, THE MARINA HAS BEEN REITERATING THAT SAFETY REMAINS AS THE TOP PRIORITY. WE HAVE BEEN STRENGTHENING OUR COLLABORATION WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES INCLUDING DOST-PAGASA TO ENHANCE MARITIME SAFETY, AS WELL AS TO MAXIMIZE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES THAT WILL BENEFIT THE FILIPINOS.**

**FROM THE RELEVANT AND RELIABLE WEATHER-RELATED INFORMATION TO THE COVERAGE DURING CALAMITIES, THE DOST-PAGASA HAS BEEN A GREAT PARTNER OF MARINA. THIS PARTNERSHIP PAVED THE WAY IN ORDER TO PREVENT UNTOWARD INCIDENTS, AS WE WERE ABLE TO FORESEE THE POSSIBLE IMPACT OF STORM SURGES, TYPHOONS AND OTHER CLIMATIC EVENTS.**

**LET ME TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HIGHLIGHT THAT WORKING TOGETHER ESPECIALLY DURING THIS ERA OF "BAGONG PILIPINAS" IS VERY CRUCIAL TO EFFICIENTLY DELIVER OUR MANDATED FUNCTIONS AT AN IMPROVED LEVEL OF EXCELLENCE POSSIBLE. THROUGH THIS, WE CAN BE CONFIDENT AS PUBLIC SERVANTS PROVIDING FRONTLINE SERVICES AND IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS TOWARDS A SAFER, GREENER AND MORE SUSTAINABLE MARITIME INDUSTRY.**



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**IN THIS REGARD, THE MARINA WILL NOT ONLY THANK THE DOST-PAGASA FOR RECOGNIZING US AS ONE OF THE VALUABLE PARTNERS AND AS RECIPIENTS OF THE WIND VANE AWARD BUT WE ALSO THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SACRIFICES, DEDICATION AND HARD WORK TO OVERCOME VARIOUS CHALLENGES THAT MIGHT COMPROMISE THE LIVES AND LIVELIHOOD OF OUR COMMUNITY.**

**AT THIS TIME, IT IS ALSO WORTHY TO MENTION THAT DOST-PAGASA HAS BEEN SUPPORTIVE TO VARIOUS INITIATIVES OF MARINA SUCH AS STRENGTHENING OUR COUNTRY'S COMPLIANCE TO INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION MEMBER STATE AUDIT SCHEME (IMSAS), AND ADOPTING A 'WHOLE-OF-NATION APPROACH' IN THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MARITIME INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PLAN (MIDP) 2028 THROUGH EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 55.**

**LASTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE HERE TONIGHT TO JOIN MARINA AND DOST-PAGASA IN WORKING HAND IN HAND, PARTICULARLY IN ENSURING MARITIME SAFETY AND IMPROVING THE MARITIME SECTOR IN GENERAL.**



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**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL AWARDEES AND ON THE  
CELEBRATION OF THE 160TH NATIONAL AND 75<sup>TH</sup> WORLD  
METEOROLOGICAL DAY.**

**THANK YOU AND ONCE AGAIN GOOD EVENING.**