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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

10th PHILMARINE 2025

**OPENING REMARK
DURING PH-FRANCE TECHNICAL MARITIME SEMINAR**

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SMX Convention Center

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Administrator
Maritime Industry Authority

TO THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN THE PHILIPPINES;
TO FRENCH MARITIME EXPERT MS. GERALDINE FOREGEARD;
TO GICAN REPRESENTATIVE IN ASEAN CAROLINE TISSERANT;
TO OUR PARTNER AGENCIES AND RELEVANT MARITIME
STAKEHOLDERS FROM THE PHILIPPINES AND FRANCE;
TO OUR RESOURCE SPEAKERS; DISTINGUISHED GUESTS;
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN;
GOOD MORNING TO EACH AND EVERYONE.

I AM GRATEFUL TO SEE EVERYONE TODAY AS THE MARITIME
INDUSTRY AUTHORITY (MARINA) IN COORDINATION WITH THE
FRENCH EMBASSY IN THE PHILIPPINES HOST **THE 3rd PHILIPPINE-
FRANCE MARITIME TECHNICAL SEMINAR.**

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN THE
PHILIPPINES FOR EXPANDING ITS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
WITH MARINA LAST OCTOBER 2024, WHICH LED TO THE
DEPLOYMENT OF OUR FRENCH MARITIME EXPERT MS.
GERALDINE FOREGEARD , AFTER TWO YEARS OF WORKING WITH



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MR. EMERIC FAURE WHO SUCCESSFULLY ENDED HIS TWO-YEAR TERM AS THE MARINA FRENCH MARITIME EXPERT.

WE HIGHLY APPRECIATE ALL THE SUPPORT FROM THE FRENCH EMBASSY AND OF COURSE, WE THANK MS. FOREGEARD WHO HAS BEEN PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO MARINA, PARTICULARLY IN ENHANCING MARITIME SAFETY, AS WELL AS ORGANIZING TODAY'S EVENT.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO OUR RESOURCE SPEAKERS FROM FRANCE WHO TRAVELLED HOURS JUST TO BE WITH US TODAY AND TO SHARE THEIR EXPERTISE AND KNOW-HOW ON VARIOUS MARITIME-RELATED CONCERNS.

WITH THE THEME "STRENGTHENING PHILIPPINES-FRANCE TECHNICAL COOPERATION THROUGH SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE SHIPPING," THE SEMINAR WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS, WHEREIN THE MORNING SESSION WILL FOCUS ON PRESENTATIONS RELATED TO SUSTAINABLE SHIPPING WHILE THE AFTERNOON SESSION WILL DISCUSS ABOUT SAFE SHIPPING.

I HAVE BEEN REITERATING THAT SAFETY IS NON-NEGOTIABLE AND IT WILL ALWAYS BE THE TOP PRIORITY. THAT'S WHY, I AM ENCOURAGING EVERYONE TO MAXIMIZE THE OPPORTUNITY THAT WE HAVE TODAY TO EXCHANGE IDEAS AND TO SHARE OUR BEST PRACTICES IN RELATION TO REDUCING THE NUMBER OF MARITIME INCIDENTS / ACCIDENTS.



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ASIDE FROM MARITIME SAFETY, IT IS ALSO MY HOPE FOR THIS EVENT TO BE AN AVENUE IN DISCUSSING OTHER PRESSING ISSUES SUCH AS VARIOUS INNOVATIONS, LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR AND PROMOTING MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION, PARTICULARLY ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND DECARBONIZATION OF SHIPS.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO A VERY FRUITFUL AND PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSION LATER ON, WHICH WOULD DEFINITELY HELP ALL OF US IN IMPROVING OUR DAILY OPERATIONS.

LASTLY, THE MARINA WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FIREWORKS TRADE EXHIBITIONS & CONFERENCES PHILIPPINES INC. FOR CHOOSING ONCE AGAIN THE PHILIPPINE-FRANCE TECHNICAL MARITIME SEMINAR AS ONE OF ITS MAJOR CONFERENCES DURING PHILMARINE.

CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO FIREWORKS FOR THE MILESTONE OF CELEBRATING TEN YEARS OF PHILMARINE.

AGAIN, GOOD MORNING AND MERCI BEAUCOUP.