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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, GOOD MORNING TO EVERYONE.

WELCOME TO MARINA. I AM GRATEFUL TO SEE SOME FAMILIAR FACES. OVER THE YEARS, THE MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY (MARINA) AND THE MARITIME LEAGUE HAS BEEN GREAT PARTNERS IN DISCUSSING IMPORTANT MARITIME-RELATED ISSUES, AND COMING UP WITH PRACTICAL AND TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS THAT WOULD BENEFIT THE MARITIME INDUSTRY.

ONE OF THE PLATFORMS THAT HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL FOR THE MARINA AND THE MARITIME LEAGUE IS THE **"MARITIME FORUM,"** PARTICULARLY IN SERVING AS AN AVENUE FOR DISCUSSION ON THE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MARITIME SECTOR. AS YOU MAY RECALL, WE ALSO HELD THE 191st MARITIME FORUM (MF191) HERE AT THE BOARDROOM LAST JULY 2024, WHEREIN WE TALKED ABOUT OUR AGENCY'S EFFORTS IN DIGITALIZATION AND LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.

JUST TO GIVE YOU AN UPDATE, THE MARINA CONTINUES TO STRENGTHEN ITS EFFORTS IN DIGITALIZATION, WHICH IMPROVES THE PROCESSING OF DATA / INFORMATION AND PROMOTE EASE OF DOING BUSINESS. IN TERMS OF LEGISLATIVE AGENDA, WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR CHAMPIONS TO LOBBY THE TWO PRIORITY BILLS IN THE 20th CONGRESS, WHICH IS THE "SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR BILL" AND THE "SHIP REGISTRY BILL." WE BELIEVE FOR THESE BILLS TO BE VITAL IN THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MARITIME INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PLAN (MIDP) 2028.

I DON'T WANT TO PRE-EMPT THE PRESENTATIONS LATER ON BUT FOR TODAY'S 199th MARITIME FORUM (MF199), WE PREPARED THE UPDATES ON THE DIGITALIZATION OF CERTIFICATION OF SEAFARERS. WE WILL DISCUSS THE MARINA INTEGRATED SEAFARERS' MANAGEMENT ONLINE SYSTEM OR "MISMO," WHICH WE ALSO PRESENTED DURING THE 11th SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION'S SUB-COMMITTEE ON HUMAN ELEMENT, TRAINING AND WATCHKEEPING (IMO HTW 11).

WE WILL ALSO PROVIDE YOU AN OVERVIEW OF THE MARITIME ENERGY DEMAND INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS SOFTWARE (MEDIANS), WHICH AIMS TO DEVELOP A SET OF DATABASES FOR THE PARAMETERS NEEDED FOR ENERGY DEMAND ESTIMATION FOR THE PHILIPPINE DOMESTIC MARITIME FLEET. LAST MONTH, WE HELD THE STAKEHOLDERS' ORIENTATION ON MEDIANS, AND WE TARGET TO PILOT TEST THE SYSTEM IN SEPTEMBER. I WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT THAT IT IS VERY HARD TO COME UP WITH A POLICY IF WE DO NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT DATA. THAT'S WHY, I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO PROVIDE YOUR INSIGHTS ON THE UTILIZATION OF "MEDIANS" AND "MISMO" IN OUR OPERATIONS.

I WAS INFORMED THAT THE LATEST UPDATES ON THE BLUE ECONOMY ANNUAL TRADE AND CONFERENCE (BEACON) 2025 WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED TODAY. IT WILL BE THE THIRD TIME THAT MARINA WILL SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF BEACON, AS WE BELIEVE THAT THE SAID EXPO IS CRUCIAL IN SHOWCASING THE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MARITIME INDUSTRY

WITH THAT, I AM LOOKING FORWARD FOR A VERY FRUITFUL AND PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSION LATER. THANK YOU TO THE MARITIME LEAGUE FOR ONCE AGAIN CHOOSING MARINA AS THE HOST OF THIS VERY IMPORTANT UNDERTAKING.

THANK YOU AND AGAIN, GOOD MORNING.