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## PPA LAUNCHES ITS FIRST DIGITAL BROADCASTING CHANNEL FOR WIDER INFORMATION DISSEMINATION



The Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) has opened to the public its very first digital platform channel called PPA TV aired on December 20, 2022 via its official Facebook Page.

PPA TV is the avenue on where port users, stakeholders and general masses can inquire and gain knowledge about what goes around the PPA handled ports across the Philippines. According to PPA General Manager Jay Santiago, "we, here at PPA greatly value the facts and news happening at our ports that the public should know for their general knowledge. In the time of fast and modern port services, so should communication be."

The said digital platform is not only confined into PPA's social media accounts but is made available to passengers waiting for their trips at ports through the available tv monitors and screens built in the 25 Port Management Offices

buildings and terminals.

PPA TV contains various shows such as PPA Ngayon and Ronda Pantalan that showcases fresh, timely and reliable port information. Both shows are heavily structured to proper journalism ethics, which airs alternately every Monday at 7PM.

PPA Ngayon is an in depth one hour cream of the crop main newscast show of PPA TV that offers fun and interesting segments like Galore sa Pantalan, Laugh-ang sa Pantalan, Good Vibes and more. While Ronda Pantalan is a shortened version of the main newscast that gives the audiences breaking news and quick updates happening around in and out of ports. ■

## PPA: Digitization, key for swift transactions

The Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) management believes for faster and corruption-free transaction with the aid of digitization which will greatly benefit the port users nationwide.

In the recently concluded Department of Transportation (DoTr) Strategic Planning held on December 8, 2022, attended by its attached agencies, PPA General Manager Jay Santiago emphasized the importance of expanding PPA's communication infrastructure for transparency and connectivity of projects and transactions across the country.

"This digitization is really our highest priority now at PPA to prevent occurrence of usual problems encountered by people at the port. Once it is fixed and everything is done online, prolonged waiting of passengers will be avoided and inconvenience at trips will be prevented," said GM Santiago.

In said forum, DoTr Secretary Jaime Bautista encouraged officials from aviation, maritime, railway, and land transportation sectors to be receptive to suggestions of each member of the agency for the enhancement and realization of the agency's "Build Better More" goal.

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## PPA WARNS PASSENGERS AGAINST FIXER IN TIME OF PEAK SEASON

The Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) clears that passengers should not be charged with extra fees at ports after receiving complaints of alleged charging of additional payment amid expected flocking of passengers at terminals during peak season.

On 30 November 2022, several passengers at Matnog Port reported to PPA Port Police the charging of extra Php 20.00 by the third party operator which is currently being investigated according to PMO Bicol Port Manager Ma. Magnolia S. Requejo.

"We have observed the charging of the booking services fee at dawn of November 30, 2022 and almost all buses are apparently charging

this to their passengers," said Port Manager Requejo.

"We have discussed this undue charging being done to bus passengers at the port with Provincial Administrator of Sorsogon, Mr. Erick Ravanilla and they said that they are also conducting an investigation on this as they do not approve any extra charges for bus passengers at the port," added Requejo.

According to PPA General Manager Jay Santiago, it is important for passengers to know that such charging of extra fee is not authorized by PPA and that payment on this does not go in anyway to PPA or to the LGU.

"It should be clear to passengers that it is not PPA that charges extra fees to those who are using the port, there is no extra fee that needs to be charged to passengers as port fees are already fixed and we do not add any much on it," said Santiago.

This May 2022, the daily average of passengers at Matnog Port was recorded at 10,000 during the height


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## Updates

# PPA investigates illegal collection of passenger insurance fee at ports

The Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) warns the public against the illegal collection of insurance fee for passenger at ports after receiving reports of its incidence which is allegedly being required to the passengers prior their vessel boarding.

In this regard, PPA issued a memorandum to all Port Managers nationwide to reiterate strict implementation of PPA Memorandum Circular No. 06-2010 or the "Prohibition on the Mandatory Sale of Passenger Insurance Coverage." Stipulated in the memorandum that no additional insurance shall be collected from passengers at ports under the PPA.

According to existing rules and regulations, all passengers boarding the ships are already

covered by the insurance policy of the ship in case of occurrence of any untoward incident while they are on board, thus, collection of mandatory passenger insurance that only entails additional expenses to the riding-public is no longer needed.

PPA General Manager Jay Santiago emphasized that PPA personnel who will be found involved in the unauthorized collection of illegal fees from passenger, including the insurance fee

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**"PPA circular order No. 06-2010 entitled Prohibition on the mandatory Sale of Passenger INSURANCE coverage prohibits the selling of mandatory passenger insurance policy prior to boarding of passengers"**

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of the National and Local Elections, higher than the highest number logged since the start of the pandemic with 5,000 daily average passengers in December 2021.

"To the bus passengers who will be using the port, please keep in mind that you should only pay 3 things—first is the Ferry ticket which is your fare, the terminal fee to the PPA, and the environmental fee to the concerned LGU," reminded Santiago.

Port usage is significantly recovering based on Port Statistics of January to October this year from -70.27% growth rate in passenger traffic recorded in 2020. This 2022, the number of recorded passengers at ports nationwide has reached 48.2 million or 108.81% higher than the 23 million or -7.27% growth rate during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021. ■

## PPA: Digitization...from page 1

"Feel free to raise issues from other sectors, I highly encourage the Usecs, Asecs, and heads of attached agencies to keep an open mind in the suggestions," said Bautista.

Ensuring that government has smooth and fast process for facilitation of the economy's further development is included in the 8-point Socioeconomic agenda of the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028 by President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., according to the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA).

"Let's revive the economy through digitalization, this is a big step for the continuous improvement of government services. We at PPA, are ready to streamline every transaction at ports and eliminate third-party operators or fixers," Santiago added.

It can be recalled that the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) allocated P12.47B for the President's goal toward digital transformation of all government transactions. ■

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# PPA, Sorsogon LGU guarantee changes, improvements at Matnog Port

11 NOVEMBER 2022, MANILA—The Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) in close collaboration with the Local Chief Executives (LCEs) of Sorsogon and its residents, guarantees continuous and immediate changes to resolve the challenges being experienced at Matnog Port.

In a meeting between the PPA top officials and the Sorsogon LCEs on November 10, 2022, both parties laid out their plans to improve port-users' experience at the port. Attendees of the meeting include Second District Representative Wowo Fortes, Sorsogon Governor Boboy Hamor, Vice Governor Jun Escudero, Provincial Administrator Eric Ravanilla and the members of the Sorsogon Provincial Board and Youth Council.

PPA General Manager Jay Santiago assured that there are no let-ups in the local government and PPA initiatives in improving the operations in Matnog Port. In fact, some are already being enjoyed by the public.

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# INTERPOL Border Management Training for Philippine Seaport Frontline Officers



The Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), through its Internal Security Affairs Staff (ISAS) and Port Police Department (PPD), joined the second INTERPOL Border Management Training for Philippine Seaports Frontline Officers held on 03 and 04 August 2022 at Sofitel Plaza Manila, Philippines.

The event was hosted by the Interpol Global Centre for Innovation (IGCI) Singapore, the Integrated Border Management Task Force, thru PCTC-Interpol National Central Bureau Manila.

Aside from PPA, the other participants of the activity include representatives from other partner government agencies like the Office for Transportation Security (OTS), Coast Guard Intelligence Force (CGIF), Bureau of Customs, Philippine National Police – Maritime Group, Bureau of Immigration – Bay Service and private stakeholders.

Among the topics discussed were the Standard Operating Procedure in handling INTERPOL hits in the seas, role of each maritime government agencies to ensure a harmonious working collaboration, and how this partnership

with private sector can strike a balance between trade facilitation and maritime security for the Philippines as an archipelagic country.

In the closing remarks, PPSupt. Sherwin Lemuel A. Chavez, Manager of PPA-PPD Operations Division, read the message of PPA Officer in Charge Francisquiel O. Mancile and his desire to comply with the directive of Transportation Secretary Jaime Bautista to reduce logistics costs to and from the Philippines and spur growth not only along growth centers but most especially in the countryside, which can be reach through the good working relationship between the line agencies involved in maritime transportation. He likewise encouraged the participants to remain steadfast in performing their duties as agent of law for the benefit of the Filipino people. ■

## Saving lives as a Maritime Nation: One Blood Count at the time

With the 2022 National Maritime Week celebration ongoing, the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) Head Office forged a partnership with the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) and other port stakeholders for a blood-letting activity yesterday, 20 September 2022.

Held at the Passenger Terminal Building (PTB) of the Manila North Port, some 109 individuals from among PPA employees, Philippine Coast Guard personnel, and other representatives from the maritime community successfully donated blood during the initiative.

The activity is likewise replicated by other Port Management Offices (PMOs) like Zamboanga, Negros Oriental/ Siquijor, and Easter Leyte/ Samar that follow the PPA's Corporate Social Responsibility. ■

## Solar LED lights installed at Port of Surigao

The Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) Port Management Office (PMO) of Surigao installed some 36 Solar LED Lamps to light the streets and sidewalks within the stretch of Surigao City's port area as part of its measure to the Green Ports Initiative of PPA through the use of clean energy and reduce carbon emissions in the ports. Such initiative is likewise seen to significantly enhance security protocols within Surigao Port's vicinity. ■

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# PPA: No tree planting, no permit to operate

The Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) is set to strengthen its tree-planting initiatives in compliance with the directive of President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr. on integrating the same in the construction of the country's flood-control infrastructure projects.



It can be recalled that after witnessing the impact of deforestation and the recent devastation of Tropical Storm Paeng, President Marcos Jr. said that tree planting should also be prioritized to prevent severe flooding.

"So we have to include tree planting in our flood control. That should be included. If we are going to spend on flood control, there must be

tree planting," according to the President.

In consonance with Republic Act No. 9729 or "The Climate Change Act of 2009" authored by Senator Loren Legarda, PPA issued Administrative Order No. 14-2020 mandating permit applicants and contractors to plant 1,000 trees or mangroves that are of great help in times of inundation.

According to PPA General Manager Jay Santiago, the agency is aimed at further strengthening the tree planting initiative of PPA which was started two (2) years ago.

"In response to the call of our President BBM to conduct tree planting activities, PPA will further intensify its tree planting initiatives under PPA Administrative Order 14-2020," said GM Santiago.

In partnership with various Community Environment and Natural Resources Offices (CENRO), the PPA has already planted more than

3,000 mangroves and seedlings in Misamis Oriental, Misamis Occidental, Zamboanga, Agusan, Bicol, and Negros Oriental.

"The entire PPA is glad that we are with the same vision as our dear President in terms of reforestation and environmental protection," added GM Santiago.

Stipulated under the said PPA memorandum that non-compliance to its provisions may result in cancellation or non-renewal of Permit to Operate, Certificate of Registration, and contract of the operators. GM Santiago added that this is one of PPA's humble contributions to nature amid the ongoing effects of climate change happening across the world. ■

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at port, shall face administrative charges.

"Heads will roll once proven guilty of unauthorized collection of fees inside the port including this mandatory passenger insurance. The PPA management is taking this matter very seriously as we are after the welfare and comfort of our passengers," said Santiago.

Under Executive Order No. 170, the government lowers the cost of all "inter-island transportation," to which in response, PPA issued

Memorandum Circular No. 17-2003 on July 16, 2003 which provides that only terminal fees and nothing else should be collected from passengers at the ports.

Meanwhile, per Republic Act No. 9295 or the "Domestic Shipping Development Act of 2004," ship owners are mandated to have insurance allotted for each passenger with an equivalent value of at least Php 200,000 for usage in the event of any accident during their sea travel.

"The law is clear that there should be no other expense on the part of the passengers at ports. I encouraged the public to report any incident of collection other than the terminal fee being charged to them," added Santiago.

Social media accounts and complaint center of PPA are open to receive any complaints about additional charges such as insurance for passengers that is prohibited under the law. ■

## PPA, Sorsogon...from page 3

"We are continuously creating programs and projects catering to the needs of the people. In fact, this meeting with the Sorsogon LGU opened new doors for the passengers, traders, and tourists utilizing Matnog Port," said Santiago.

Meanwhile, Port Manager Ma. Magnolia Sinson-Requejo of the Port Management Office (PMO) of Bicol expressed that the number of people complaining about the long queue outside the port significantly dwindled down since the installation of the one-stop-shop (OSS). Through the one-stop-shop, which houses all offices in one, single area, it is now easier and faster to arrange the booking and payment of fees resulting in faster turnaround time of vessels.

"The queue used to be really long, but with the OSS situated just adjacent to the port, it really accelerated the process," according to the Bicol Port Manager.

According to PM Sinson-Requejo, the PMO likewise initiated the early warning system during inclement weather to prevent stranded passengers at the port. "The issuance of advisory has been regularly coordinated with the Office of Civil Defense Region 5, the Land Transportation Office, and the Philippine Information Agency (PIA) to reach out to passengers during bad weather immediately," Requejo added.

Currently, the average daily passenger volume passing Matnog Port is around 2,500-3,000, which reaches 10,000 during peak seasons like elections and summer vacations. ■

# PPA books a 9% hike in 1H income, steadies pace in its pandemic recovery

The Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) continues to rebound from the effects of the global pandemic as net income increased by 9% in the first six months of the year.

The agency's net income is now only 13% down compared to the pre-pandemic figure. PPA's net income declined by as much as 50% during the onslaught of COVID-19 in 2020.

Data from the PPA showed that net income for the period in review reached P5.024 billion from P4.611 billion registered in 2021. Against the target of P4.056 billion, the actual figure is 24% higher.

Gross revenues, on the other hand, soared 14.28% to P9.438 billion for the period versus the P8.258 billion recorded in 2021. Expenses, meanwhile, went up 14% to P4.413 billion from P3.646 billion in 2021.

Almost all revenue streams of the PPA posted a positive deviation for the January to June 2022 period wherein the highest revenue increase came from concession fees and other income posting a 552% hike followed by storage fees that increased 55%, and domestic dockage that went up by 28%. Revenues from Lay-up operations and interest incomes suffered the biggest setbacks for the period declining by 93% and 87%, respectively.

The PPA is averaging a 9% increase in its revenues at least in the last 18 months, which is a steady pace moving toward pre-pandemic levels.

PPA is also bent on further improving its operations based on the earlier pronouncements made by President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr., and the Transport Secretary Jaime J. Bautista. Initially, the agency is targeting those low-hanging fruits and slowly expands from there.

Earlier, PPA reported that total cargo throughput went down 1.46% to 125.485 million metric tons (MMT) from 127.343 MMT in the same period last year. Export volume posted the most significant decrease of 14.4% dragging the total foreign cargo volume by 5.5%.

In terms of containerized cargo traffic, a 2.66% hike was recorded to reach 3.733 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) anchored on the 6.14% increase posted by imported boxed cargoes. Domestic box volume, meanwhile, declined by 1.83% to 1.413 million TEUs.

Passenger volume again posted a 144% increase with the resumption of domestic tourism, trade, and regular travel activities earlier this year. ■

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**23<sup>RD</sup> NATIONAL MARITIME WEEK 2022**

September 19-25, 2022

***NEW TECHNOLOGIES FOR GREENER SHIPPING*****PPA hosts the 2022 National Maritime Week celebration**

The Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) is hosting the 2022 National Maritime Week (NMW) slated for September 19-25, 2022 with various activities lined up anchored on this year's theme, "New Technologies for Greener Shipping."

As planned by the National Committee, the celebration includes the dressing and simultaneous blowing of horns for ships docked at any PPA port, bloodletting, a webinar on green ports and shipping, a vlog-making contest, and the national coastal clean-up drive.

As the lead agency for the NMW 2022, PPA's 25 Port Management Offices (PMOs) nationwide will likewise spearhead the conduct of other activities aside from those stated above. The parallel activities include tree planting, sports

festival, photography contest, Zumba, virtual maritime photo exhibition, equipment and art exhibition, the conduct of basic port operations seminar, feeding program, karaoke challenge, recycled art competition, and a COVID-19 vaccination drive.

Meanwhile, attached and line agencies of the Department of Transportation (DOTr) namely the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), and the Cebu Port Authority (CPA) will be among the co-lead

stewards, in coordination with other maritime community partners from the private sector, in ensuring the successful conduct of the NMW celebration.

National Maritime Week is being celebrated annually as stipulated in Proclamation No. 866 series of 1996 in support of the unrestricted development of the local maritime industry and in response to the need for a strong and outward-looking maritime policy, signed by then President Fidel V. Ramos. ■

**PPA implements HEIGHTENED ALERT AT PORTS for Balik-Eskwela 2022**

PPA-controlled ports are under heightened alert status as Balik Eskwela starts today, Monday, 22 August 2022.

This is to ensure safe, secure, convenient and orderly embarkation and disembarkation of passengers in adherence to the order of the Department of Transportation.

The measure will also guarantee that the minimum public health protocols against the spread of COVID-19 are imposed.

PPA likewise guarantees that the higher alert status will not impede the smooth flow of passengers in and out of the ports.

**PPA assesses training need of port stakeholders**

**LOOK:** The Philippine Ports Authority Training Institute (PPATI) administers the Training Needs Assessment (TNA) to the personnel of Prudential Customs Brokerage Services, Inc. (PCBSI) Port Terminal Management Corp., and Globalport in line with the Authority's efforts to assist cargo handling operators in the efficient discharge of their functions, duties, and responsibilities.

Conducted in two (2) batches, PCBSI at Baseport Puerto Princesa first underwent the TNA from June 28 to July 1, 2022. The assessment of PCBSI staff at Baseport Legazpi and TMO Tabaco and the employees and personnel of Globalport at TMO Matnog also went smoothly on July 26-29, 2022.

The TNA includes gathering of information on basic, common, and core knowledge and skills

of its target respondents like Stevedores, Forklift Operators, Cargo Checkers, Crane Operators, Gangbosses, and Supervisors.

Recognizing as a vital tool in identifying issues/problems in the performance of duties, the TNA likewise aids the PPA in plugging the gaps through the provision of holistic and need-based training and development programs. ■

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## PPA hosts APSN FORUM 2022

The Philippine Ports Authority hosted the APEC Port Services Network (APSN) Forum 2022 with the theme: Safe and Inclusive Pandemic Recovery of APEC Port Industry.

Several key decision-makers from the Region, including the Philippines's Department of Transportation, presented their experiences in battling the global health emergency. On the following day they have tackled about the COVID-19 pandemic experiences of Philippine-based port and cargo-handling operators

International Container Terminal Services Inc. and Asian Terminals, Inc. Officials from Maersk China Ltd., International Chamber of Shipping, Shanghai International Port (Group) Co., Ltd., among others.

The Forum is conducted through a hybrid setup that ran through October 18-19 2022. ■

## PPA PORT MANAGEMENT OFFICES (PMO) DISTRIBUTES HOT MEALS FOR STRANDED PASSENGERS DUE TO TYPHOON PAENG

Several Port Management Offices (PMO) of the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) handed over fresh and hot meals with clean drinking water for stranded passengers that awaits their resumed trips to be back in normal operation the onslaught of the severe Tropical Storm Paeng within the Philippine Area of Responsibility from October 28- 30, 2022.

PMO Surigao gave away hot meals and bottled waters to passengers amounting to almost 101. The same thing goes for Port of Lipata that catered its passengers waiting for the storm to calm as they have given free food and drinkable water to them.

While passengers at the Port of Lucena, under PMO Marinduque/ Quezon, were handed meals by shipping line operator Starhorse Shipping Lines, Inc. as they wait for the resumption of travel suspended due to bad weather.

Port Management Office (PMO) of Lanao del norte/ Iligan provided food for passengers affected by the said typhoon with the help of Shipping Line Operators. Which was followed to serving another 24 stranded passengers with a set of meals.

On the other hand, PMO Agusan and Cokaliong Shipping Lines, Inc. (CLSI) freely gave meals for the 35 passengers who chose to stay at the port until the storm calmed down. During the following days employees provided assistance in serving hot meals and snacks to another batch of 96 stranded passengers at the Passenger Terminal Building of the Port of Nasipit. This was made possible in cooperation with PPA Port Management Office (PMO) Agusan, Local Government of Nasipit, Cokaliong Shipping Lines, Inc. (CLSI) and Globalport Agusan Terminal, Inc. (GPATI Globalport Agusan Terminals, Inc. (GPATI). In addition, to join in the spirit of Bayanihan, the Crime Buster Fraternity & Sorority, through the Port Police of the Port Management Office (PMO) Agusan, distributed snacks to the same 96 stranded passengers at Nasipit Port.

Further, PMO personnel who were on duty also voluntary shared additional snacks to same stranded passengers.

Meanwhile, the Port Police Department (PPD) and Security Personnel of Port Management Office (PMO) Zamboanga del Norte served 32 stranded passengers at the Port of Dapitan with hot packed lunches for them to eat as they seek temporary shelter in the said port.

While Port Management Office (PMO) Misamis Occidental/ Ozamiz and Globalport Ozamiz handed over freshly cooked arroz caldo and pandesal bread to 147 stuck passengers at the port.

Such initiatives truly prove that amid calamities, the hearts of Filipinos are always open to give a helping hand for our fellow Filipinos in need.

PPA has committed to help stranded passengers in all affected ports due to the weather disturbance in collaboration with other concerned government and private sector agencies. ■



## 2022 National Maritime Week Celebration at PPA

The Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) formally turned over the torch to the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) as host to next year's National Maritime Week.

PPA was represented by Port Operations and Services Manager Atty. M.A. Hiyasmin De los Santos while MARINA was led by Mr. Samuel L. Batalla during the turnover held at the PCG Headquarters in South Harbor, Port of Manila.

For the entire duration of the NMW 2022, the PPA Head Office and its 25 Port Management Offices (PMO) nationwide initiated meaningful activities leaning toward greener and sustainable port operations. These include tree planting, coastal clean-up drive, poster making, blood-letting, vaccination drive, and feeding program in partnership with other government agencies and the private sector in the maritime community. ■

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### Good Vibes

#### Honest security personnel at Port of Surigao returns cash, phone left by passenger

A security personnel named Christopher Montera returned a sling bag containing P200,000, cellphone and identification cards unintendedly left by a passenger on an x-ray machine conveyor at Port of Surigao on July 1, 2022.

Owner, Ranila Supremo expressed his gratitude to Montera who demonstrated honesty amid the huge amount of cash it discovered at the said machine.

Supremo is set to travel to Albor in Libjo, Dinagat Islands from Port of Surigao on the day on the incident who later on proved his ownership on the unattended valuables found by Montera. ■



#### PMO Bataan/Aurora receives praises from client

The Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) Port Management Office Bataan/Aurora (PMO BN/A) receives praises from Tessah Mendez, a Foreshore Lease applicant, for an outstanding service the latter experienced from the said PPA office.

According to Mendez, government offices like PMO BN/A are worthy for the tax being paid

by the public for the high standard of service it provides to the Filipino people which is far from what she experienced in transacting with other government agencies.

Mendez is full of joy that the tiring long travel she has to endure to personally file her application in the PMO was replaced by the outstanding service provided to her by the office.

For the PMO BN/A, together with the whole family of PPA, it is an honor to serve the country and the Filipino people thus, praises like this truly bring inspiration and ignites more motivation for the PPA to improve its programs and services across the nation. ■

#### PMO AGUSAN TRANSPORTS STRANDED PASSENGERS TO NASIPIT PORT FOR TYPHOON SAFETY

The Port Management Office (PMO) of Agusan, the City Government of Butuan, the Philippine National Police, and the Philippine Coast Guard joined hand in hand in transporting 35 stranded passengers from Masao Port to Nasipit Port in preparation for the resumption of trips after signals are lifted from Typhoon Paeng.

MV Fil Ozamis Voy2, which is currently taking shelter at Nasipit Port, has departed at the said port (instead of Masao) to Cebu and will ferry other passengers of Cokaliong Shipping Lines Inc. (Nasipit to Cebu) whose trip was previously cancelled at the port of origin (Cebu Port). ■



#### PMO NCR South extends support to the Border Control Officer Module of the Bureau of Immigration

The Port Management Office (PMO) NCR-South, led by Port Manager Eligio Fortajada, welcomes Class 23 and personnel of the Center for Training and Research of the Bureau of Immigration (BI) for a port visit last 20 July 2022.

During the visit, PM Fortajada gave an overview of Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) protocol at the Port of Manila One-Stop-Shop for Seafarers as part of the border control process integrated with those of the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), the Bureau of Quarantine (BOQ), and

the BI.

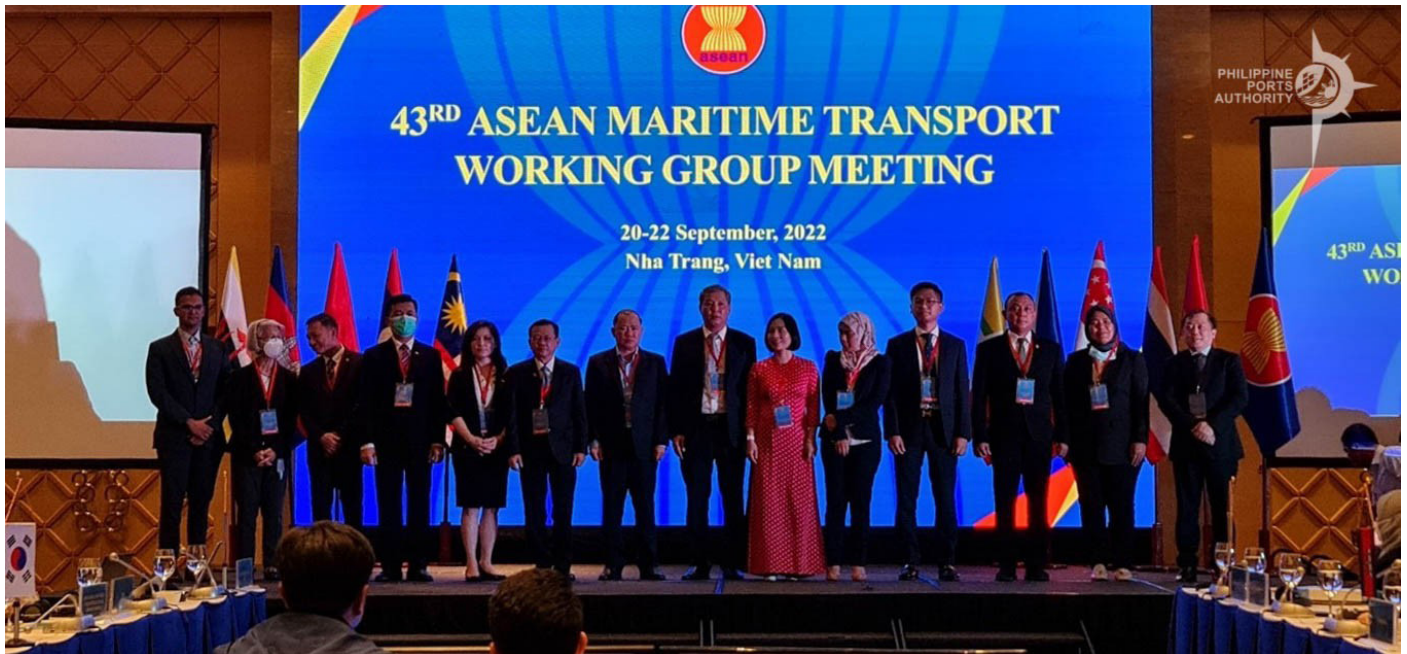
Further, NCR-South Port Police Station Commander Billy L. Estrada also provided a briefing on port security, PPA Mission and Vision, International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS Code) implementation, Police Authority

of PPA, and Law Enforcement capability of port police.

The module likewise includes the exposure of the 63 newly hired immigration officers of Class 23 with government agencies or offices where they may be assigned in the future. ■

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# PPA Presents initiatives on sustainable port operations before the members of the 43rd Asean Maritime TWG



The Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) again throws its full support to sustainable port operations before the member-participants of the 43rd Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Maritime Transport Working Group (MTWG) meeting held at Nha Trang, Vietnam on 20 – 22 September 2022.

The PPA presented the national coordination mechanisms and the national master plan for ports, the national development plan on the capacity improvement of the ASEAN Network ports, sustainability of the Davao – General Santos – Bitung Ro-Ro Route Operation, the Safety, Health, and Environmental (SHE) Management, and the ASEAN-China Maritime Transport Studies all aimed toward sustainability.

PPA likewise touch on several initiatives in achieving trade facilitation, Green Port Initiatives, which include among others:

a) Realization of the ASEAN Single Shipping

Market (ASSM);

b) Implementation of various projects relating to the MEPSEAS Project;

c) Various IMO marine environmental projects and initiatives for safe and greener shipping;

d) Training needs of member countries to improve transport safety in the region;

e) Decarbonization efforts in maritime operations within the ASEAN region; and

f) Implementation of the ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework (ACRF), among others.

Through the guidance and leadership of the Department of Transportation (DOTr), the PPA remains committed in revolutionizing the maritime port system and elevating it to global standards, while enhancing connectivity, mobility, and affordability toward a more safe, comfortable, accessible, and efficient transport service for the public.

Together with PPA, also included in the Philippine delegation to the meeting were representatives from the DOTr, Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), and the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG). ■

## WWF Implements best trash to Cashback Program at the CDO Port

The Port of Cagayan de Oro, under the Port Management Office (PMO) of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro, recently launched the Trash to CashBack Program of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Philippines in collaboration with the Basic Environmental Systems and Technologies, Inc. (BeST).

The Trash to CashBack Program is anchored on the project Clean Ports, Clean Oceans: Improving Port Waste Management in the Philippines, which aims to engage the public in the proper disposal of wastes and help in the preservation of the environment.

Through this initiative, passengers and port users are encouraged to deposit their plastic waste in the BeST booth located at the Passenger Terminal Building every first Friday of the month, and in exchange, they will earn environmental points (EP). Each EP is equivalent to Php 1.00 which may be used to transact with BeST partners such as Lazada PH, Smart, and BDO among others.

PMO MO/C has been recognized as a Green Port Awardee by the APEC Port Services Network for two (2) consecutive years, and is continuously working closely with different environmental organizations such as the WWF and BeST in its bid for a sustainable and environment-friendly port operations. ■

