



CDO **builds** state-of-the-art, two-storey passenger **terminal**

The Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro is constructing a brand new, state-of-the-art passenger terminal building (PTB) at the Cagayan de Oro port to accommodate the increasing volume of passengers to and from the region.

PPA General Manager Jay Daniel R. Santiago led the capsule laying ceremony for the two-storey PTB on September 30, 2016.

Port Manager Isidro V. Butaslac said the Port Management Office is facilitating the completion of the new PTB as the existing facility at the port could no longer handle the increasing number of passengers particularly during peak seasons.

The new PTB will be a 5,625-sq.m facility with amenities like pre-departure waiting area, shops catering to passenger needs, screening areas for passage and baggage, comfort rooms, boarding gates, escalators, and others, with a cost of P276.705 million that is set to be completed in 2018. ■

Also present to witness the capsule laying ceremony were representatives of the port cargo-handling operator, the Philippine Coast Guard and the project contractor.



PPA **reiterates** strict compliance to anti-corruption **policies**

Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) General Manager Jay Daniel R. Santiago directed all its employees to strictly follow anti-corruption policies in light of the video showing one of its personnel caught in an allegedly anomalous transaction.

Santiago stressed that strict adherence to government ethical standards is the only way to prevent similar cases from happening again.

It maybe recalled that a Bureau of Customs Closed Circuit TV (CCTV) recorded a PPA personnel allegedly receiving money from importers/brokers transacting and processing papers to avail of gate passes. The CCTVs were

strategically installed as part of the Government's efforts to promote transparency and curb corruption in the Bureau.

"Standard business procedures and guidelines are put in place specifically to prevent this kind of scenarios,

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PPA joins JICA in framing **economic** development **roadmap** for CL, Calabarzon

Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) General Manager Atty. Jay Daniel R. Santiago is pitching in its share in the drafting of an economic development roadmap currently being undertaken by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

Santiago said the contribution of the PPA is very vital considering that the state-owned corporation controls major international gateway ports like the Manila International Container Terminal (MICT) and the Manila South Harbor (MSH), and the premier domestic port, the Manila North Port.

JICA recently visited the PPA to come up with the initial process involving information sharing relative to economic development anchored on ports concerning the two emerging areas. JICA, meanwhile, is a government agency of Japan tasked to implement Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA).

"The Manila ports handle majority of the cargo volume in and out of the Philippines wherein MICT and MSH process the bulk of foreign cargoes and the Manila North Port handles the majority of domestic cargoes," Santiago explained to JICA experts in a meeting.

"We also have Batangas Port in the Calabarzon area while Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority operates its own ports to complement the Manila ports," Santiago added.

"The PPA continues to improve its our ports in order to accommodate the

increasing cargo volume brought about by the emerging markets in and out of the country," Santiago stressed.

Central Luzon is anticipated to be the next major investment destination of the country.

Calabarzon is optimistic that it can rebound from its slower pace of growth since the region has comparative advantages in agribusiness, manufacturing and logistics and services in addition to various transport infrastructure projects like the Daang Hari Road, Ternate-Nasugbu Road, Marawoy-Dagatan Road, Molino Boulevard, Laguna Lake Expressway Dike, North-South Railway Project and Light Rail Transport Line 6 Project, which are expected to increase mobility and ultimately to further economic activities.

The JICA study, meanwhile, aside from providing basic and vital economic figures will also include basic information for Clark Green City master plan as well as concept plans for industrial promotion and recommendations for medium to long-term development policies up to 2030, and suggestion of institutional and infrastructure bottlenecks or interference factors for development. ■

PPA tightens **security** noose in all ports in the wake of the **Davao** blast

PPA said there is a need to further boost safety and security in all ports, particularly Mindanao ports, to deter any further terroristic acts.

"All port managers and port police, particularly in the Mindanao region, are instructed to take all necessary measures to make sure that there are no loose ends when it comes to safety and security," PPA General Manager Jay Daniel R. Santiago said in a directive.

"You are likewise further directed to subject all cargoes, luggages and passengers to strict inspection procedures to guarantee that criminal elements will not be able to use the ports as a springboard for their unlawful activities," Santiago stressed.

"The terror threat is not only concentrated in Mindanao but nationwide so ports in the Visayas and Luzon regions should not be complacent and are likewise advised to increase security visibility and heighten security measures," Santiago added.

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PPA bares port **plans** to **Arangkada** Philippines

Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) officials met the delegates of the Joint Foreign Chambers of the Philippines on September 15, 2016 at the PPA headquarters with regard to the chamber's project called "Arangkada Philippines", the objective of which is to make the Philippine ports more competitive.

PPA presented to the group its port plans and priority projects which include the expansion of the port of Batangas to accommodate its increasing cargo volume.

The chamber officials, meanwhile, were concerned with the improvement of international and domestic connectivity with special focus on seaports, the improvement of the port infrastructure, the simplification of port processes especially in Manila and the role of foreign firms doing business at the ports.

Also tackled was on how to optimize port of Batangas, which the delegates said needs more cranes, and the Subic port, which according to the group is the same as Batangas, still underutilized.

They look at the port of Davao as a full transshipment hub for cargoes going to other ASEAN countries down south.



The delegates of the Joint Foreign Chamber of Commerce who visited the PPA and had a chat with the PPA top management to discuss the status of the Philippine ports.

Port connectivity was also a concern tackled and it was suggested that the connection of NLEX, SLEX to and from the ports would definitely result to a more effective movement of cargoes.

The PPA assured the stakeholders that the port agency

will continue to develop, expand and modernize the existing ports under its dominion, especially the ten major ports, to be at par with global standards, and that it is always open to dialogues with all port users for the improvement of its port services. ■



PPA hosts NALLEC-SCILEC-INTERPOL Meeting. The Regular Monthly Meeting of the National Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee, Sub-Committee on International Law Enforcement Cooperation was hosted by the Philippine Ports Authority last June 15, 2016. Photo shows Ms. Josephine Ong of BSP and Deputy Chairman NALLEC-SCILEC, PPSupt. Loving Fetalvero and PPSupt. Reynaldo A. Evora. (Photo by Don Dacanay) ■

PPA hosts Climate Change Confab for ports and harbors



The Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), in coordination with the Permanent International Association of Navigation Congresses (PIANC) EnviCom, recently hosted a conference on Climate Change Adaptation for Ports and Harbors aimed at coming up with a technical design to reduce the impact of climate change to the structural integrity of ports and harbors worldwide. PPA GM Jay Daniel R. Santiago and Ms. Jan Brooke of Jan Brooke Environmental Consultant Ltd., PIANC-UK, graced the event. ■



DRUG-FREE PPA

The Philippine Ports Authority recently subjected all its employees to a mandatory drug testing to make sure that the environment of the agency is drug-free. PPA GM Jay Daniel Santiago said the initiative is in line with the thrust of the current administration against the proliferation and use of illegal drugs. ■



MEDIA MEET AND GREET

Newly installed PPA GM Jay Daniel R. Santiago recently met the members of the maritime media to cascade the message of the new administration of transparency and accountability. ■



Nation celebrates NMW 2016

The Philippines recently celebrated a busy but memorable week called the National Maritime Week (NMW) from September 25-30, 2016.

The week was packed with simultaneous events nationwide ranging from sportsfests, coastal clean-ups, capacity-building seminars, job fairs as well as singing and arts contests.

This year's NMW theme is "Shipping: Indispensable to the World" was coined by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the maritime policy-making body of the United Nations.

PPA was the lead agency in this year's celebration. The last time PPA hosted the event was in 2013.

PPA General Manager Jay Daniel R. Santiago said this year's celebration differed from the usual festivities held annually as the kick-off ceremony on September 25 was a grand parade, a holy mass and wreath-laying to recognize the men and women of the sector as well as their contributions to the national economy. Usually, such events are held on the last day of the celebration.

"The present administration has a soft spot for the maritime industry and the marching order is to make this celebration as significant as possible to make a dent not only in the hearts of the men and women of the industry but to the entire Filipino people and the world," Santiago added.

The event also highlighted a nationwide ports and harbors clean-up drive on September 27 to coincide with the International Coastal Clean-up Day to be joined by all participating government and private agencies.

"The NMW Committee also required all ship captains to dress up their respective ships while in the port starting September 25 up to the end of the week-long celebration," Santiago stressed.

The National Maritime Week is celebrated by virtue of Proclamation No. 1094, consolidating the celebration of the National Seafarers Day (NSD), National Maritime Day (NMD) and the National Maritime Week (NMW), making the celebration more significant and more inspiring.

The NSD is being celebrated through Presidential Proclamation 1094 series of 1997, which amended Presidential Proclamation No. 828 series of 1996, declaring the last Sunday of September of every year as National Seafarers' Day (NSD). The purpose of the Proclamation is to give due recognition to the vital role of Filipino seafarers towards the development of the Philippines as a maritime country.

The International Maritime Organization, on the other hand, through Circular No. 1884 dated July 11, 1996, requested all member nations to celebrate the World Maritime Day during the last week of every September of each year.

In the Philippines, Presidential Proclamation No. 866



dated Sept. 6, 1996 declared Sept. 27, 1996 and the last Friday of September every year, as NMD.

Participating agencies, this year, were the Department of Tourism, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Transportation, Maritime Industry Authority, the PPA, the Philippine Coast Guard, National Commission for Culture and the Arts, Philippine Navy, Cebu Ports Authority, Apostleship of the Sea, Conference of Maritime Manning Agencies, Filipino Association for Mariner's Employment, Inc., Luneta Seafarers Welfare Foundation, Inc., Masters and Mates Association of the Philippines, Philippine Association of Manning Agencies and Ship Managers, Inc., Philippine Association of Maritime Institute, Philippine Association of Maritime Training Center, Inc., Philippine Interisland Shipping Association, Lighterage Association of the Philippines, Philippine Liner Shipping Association, Inc., Asian Terminals, Inc., International Container Terminal Services, Inc., Manila North Harbour Port, Inc., Angkla Party list, Maritime Training Council, Marine Engineers Officers Association of the Philippines, Philippine Ship Agents Association, United Filipino Seafarers, the United Harbor Pilots' Association of the Philippines, the Associated Marine Officers and Seamen's Union of the Philippines and the Maritime Law Association of the Philippines. ■

PMO Zamboanga Del Norte joins 116th CSC anniversary

The Port Management Office of Zamboanga del Norte, Dapitan City, joined the Civil Service Commission in commemorating the month-long 116th Philippine Civil Service Commission Anniversary Celebration with the themem, "Sigaw ng Lingkod Bayani: Malasakit Para sa Taumbayan, Kapwa Kawani at Kalikasan".



The kick-off date was on September 2, 2016 which started with a motorcade around the main thoroughfare of Dipolog City, participated in by the different government agencies comprising the cities of Dapitan and Dipolog in the province of Zamboanga del Norte. The participants include LGUs, local and national government agencies, such as the NFA, BFAR, DepEd, NSA, DENR, and PPA.

PMO Zamboanga del Norte, headed by Port Manager Engr. Salvador L. Delina, was recognized as an active participant by the Civil Service Commission during its Opening Program at the Jose Rizal Memorial State University-Dipolog Campus Gymnasium.

The Opening Program of said celebration includes the appreciation of all agencies' dynamic contribution to the Civil Service, the ceremonial oath-taking of the government employees-Panunumpa ng mga Kawani ng Gobyerno, the singing of Civil Service Hymn and the much-awaited Zumba.

Other activities include Mangrove Planting and the 9th CSC Inter-Agency Sportsfest which were scheduled during the rest of the month. PMO Zamboanga del Norte's involvement in these activities is an illustration of PPA's commitment with the programs of the Civil Service Commission in line with the development of various areas of the Philippine public service. (by Dr. Bonifacio L. Loquias, Jr.) ■

GM Santiago visits LNI baseport

Finally, a PPA General Manager has set foot in the Baseport of Iligan after more than a decade.

PPA GM Jay Daniel R. Santiago, with Atty. Elmer E. Cadano, Atty. Adrian S. Sugay and Ms. Asuncion B. Flores, had a port peek starting with the Passenger Terminal Complex to the Administration Building.

Thereafter, a program followed where Acting Port Manager, Engr. Arcidi S. Jumaani, introduced the PMO to the new GM. He highlighted the accomplishments of the PMO, like the interception of approximately one kilogram of Methamphetamine Hydrochloride or known as "Shabu" in the PTB on

September 1, 2016 as an offshoot of the strengthened security measures implemented by PPA.

He added that the GM's visit is a morale boost and motivation to the staff as it supports the management's thrust and that of the National Government.

A 'meet and greet' followed between the GM and the employees followed to discuss issues like the CPCS, Healthcare Plan and more.

The PMO LNI personnel is looking forward to a productive journey with GM Santiago. (by Daisy P. Tangcalagan) ■



PMO Surigao marks 39th anniversary

The Port Management Office of Surigao celebrated its 39th anniversary Monday, August 1, 2016, with a variety of activities participated not just by port authority employees but also included people from agencies under the Surigao Port Community.

Celebrations kicked – off with an early morning 2K fun run followed by the Zumba Mass Workout held at the Surigao port grounds.

A Thanksgiving Mass was then celebrated afterwards at the PMO Administration Building.

For lunch, a "boodle fight" among PMO personnel and guests shortly followed.

The day before, employees went to the Day-asan coast some 12 kilometers east from the Surigao City and planted mangroves shoots in support of the government's reforestation program.

Afterwards, they went to a nearby resort for a day of bonding.

The PMO's 39th Anniversary



was capped with an early evening program and dinner made more special with the presence of former PMO Surigao Port Managers

Abdussabor Sawadjan, Necitas Layola and Isidro Bustaslac, Jr. along with retired PMO Surigao employees invited for the occasion. ■

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Davao is on a lockdown after an explosion rocked a night market Friday around 10:20pm on Davao City's Roxas Street killing 14 people and leaving dozens injured.

Even before the Davao bombing, PPA has already put all ports on high alert status and as a result, Iligan port operatives were able to intercept

a passenger carrying a kilo of shabu, worth P1.4 million, which was turned over to the PNP for further investigation.

Meanwhile, PPA assured that commercial operations of its Sasa Wharf, the main gateway of the region's import and export cargoes, will not be interrupted and likewise ordered its port personnel to make sure that delays in the delivery of port services are kept at the minimum particularly with respect to perishable goods.

Aside from Davao, PPA is not expecting any delays in the commercial operations despite the heightened alert status of PPA-controlled ports. ■

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that is why I am directing all PPA personnel not to deviate from any of our procedures in order to avoid similar instances from happening again in the future," Santiago said.

"As a result, the personnel concerned was relieved pending the outcome of the ongoing investigation," Santiago explained.

Similarly, the PPA chief lauded the BOC for its

efforts in installing the CCTVs and for showing the alleged malpractice of its employees, which became the basis of his order. Santiago hopes for continued coordination between the two agencies in order to stampout and curb corruption in their respective organizations.

PPA is also accelerating its efforts in migrating from manual to cashless transactions to avoid similar cases like this in the future.

Further, PPA assured the public that it will not tolerate any kind of corruption under its auspices and similarly punish to the full extent of the law its personnel that will be found guilty of any corruption. ■

Gender Profiling Form pilot tested in Iloilo

The Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) PMO Panay/Guimaras headed by Port Manager Rosenda G. Sumagaysay joined the Department of Transportation Gender and Development Technical Working Group (DOTr GAD-TWG) in finalizing the Gender Profiling questionnaires and trial testing with the PMO employees.



Photos show Port Manager Rosenda G. Sumagaysay (center) with Eddie Cordova from PPA, Ms. Meriam Buergo and Ms. Babu Salvosa, Biodor Bonifacio, Elviro Quince of the DOTr together with representatives from the PMMA and PCG, reviewing the Gender Profiling Form.

The forms were also distributed to the PCG and MARINA Iloilo districts.

The pretest aims was to verify

the clarity of the questions and their effectiveness relative to the project's objective of determining the level of participation of women

and men in the maritime sector.

The results will be the basis for introducing interventions or actions that will promote equitable representation.

The members of the group from the PPA, MARINA, PCG and the PMMA were present during the pilot test and assisted the respondents on questions that were unclear or needing clarification.

The formulation of the gender profiling form was part of the activities of the maritime group's commitment to the Manifesto of Support signed by the various agencies under the DOTr and their stakeholders during the Gender and Development (GAD) Summit in 2014.

When finalized, all employees of the maritime agencies under or attached to the DOTr will be required to fill up the said document, the result of which will form part of the agencies' Sex Disaggregated Data which then could be used as the basis for GAD programs. ■

Improved education on disaster risk reduction and management tops women's wish list for Duterte gov't

Filipino women and men call on the government to improve education, awareness raising, and women's participation in climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction and management towards building resilient communities.

This is based on the results of the "Agenda Ni Juana Crowdsourcing" initiated by the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) to gather public opinion on which women's issues that should be prioritized by the new administration in the next six years.

PCW Executive Director Emmeline L. Verzosa said that the results could be attributed to the adverse effects of disasters and calamities to our local communities in the recent years.

"The devastation brought about by disasters has lasting negative impact on people. Disasters also increase people's vulnerability to social issues like

poverty, human trafficking and violence against women and girls. Hence, there is growing demand not only for information but for people's participation in making our communities resilient to calamities," Verzosa added.

Getting the second priority on the list of women's agenda is improving access to justice, followed by expanding access to affordable and comprehensive health care and services. Ranking fourth and fifth, respectively, are improving access to land, water, capital, markets and enterprise technologies in rural and urban areas; and, improving information dissemination on government programs and services. ■