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PPA contributes P43.98-B to Nat'l Coffers, spent P19.87-B for port projects from 2016 to 2021



Department of Transportation (DOT) Secretary Arthur Tugade together with Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) General Manager Jay Daniel Santiago hands over the Authority's 2021 dividend contribution to Department of Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III.

The Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) reported a P43.98 billion total contribution to the Government in the form of taxes paid and dividend remittances for the period 2016 to 2021.

The amount is P12.93 billion or 41.64% higher compared to the total contribution paid to Government from 2010 to 2015.

The state-owned agency also reported a P19.87 billion total expense for the completion of

240 port projects from 2016 to 2021, which form part of the 585 port projects completed under the Build-Build-Build program of the current administration.

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Philippines to become Manning and Crew Change Capital in the World

Several crew change hubs for seafarers under the PPA umbrella went online one after the other on March to April 2022 fanning the desire of the Philippines to become the Manning and Crew Change Capital in the World.

The new hubs were located in the Ports of Zamboanga, Iloilo and Puerto Princesa, Palawan, which were activated on March 14, March 21 and April 8, 2022, respectively led by DOTr, OTS, PPA, Marina together with several other Government agencies.

The additional hubs brought to a total of 7 crew change hubs under PPA joining the Manila South Harbor, Port Capinpin in Orion, Bataan, Sasa Wharf in Davao and Batangas. Overall, the country has a total of 9 hubs--Subic and Cebu included as of April 2022.

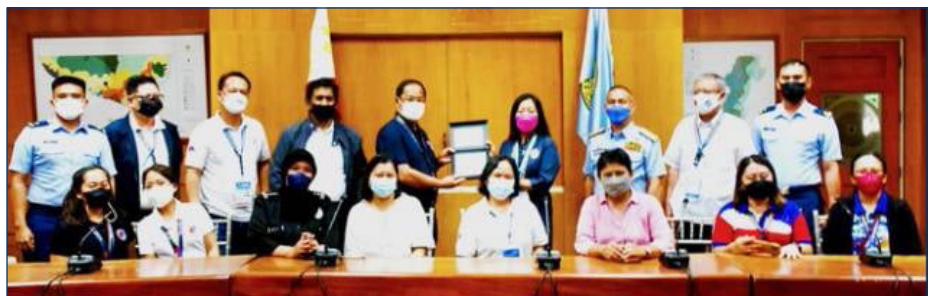
The country introduced the hubs to process the documents needed to facilitate the movement of both on-signers and off-signers amid the global pandemic, recognizing the vital contribution of seafarers in the country's economy.■

Truckers laud PPA for new permitting system

The Confederation of Truckers Association of the Philippines (CTAP) lauded the move of the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) in implementing a single document serving as Accreditation, Permit to Operate and vehicle pass in all ports controlled by the agency as well as private ports.

CTAP, considered as the biggest trucker's group in the country, said the move is in accordance with the policy direction of the government particularly in the ease of doing business in the country.

"We would like to express our gratitude for the issuance of PPA Order No. 01-2022 that requires a single Transport Accreditation Permit and Pass for Ports (TAPPP)," CTAP President Maria B. Zapata said in a letter addressed to PPA General Manager Jay Santiago dated 20 January 2022.



"This promotes ease of doing business in the logistics sector by eliminating various permits, licenses and passing through stickers of truckers by economic zones, ports and local government units," Zapata added.

The new guidelines, which took effect 13 January 2022, dubbed as Transportation Accreditation, Permits and Pass for Ports or TAPPP rationalizes the existing process in consideration of RA 11032 or the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Gov't Service Delivery Act.

TAPPP is recognized in all ports nationwide. However, this is exclusive of the commercial and technical service arrangements of port service providers and terminal operators to facilitate and expedite transactions with port users.

"This is a testament that PPA works for its stakeholders. We are committed to providing them the best service as possible in compliance with the policy direction of the Government," Santiago said.

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Updates

Oplan Biyaheng Ayos at Ports for Semana Santa and Summer Vacation 2022 set



In preparation for this Holy Week and summer vacation, all ports under the management of the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) have activated the "Oplan Biyaheng Ayos: Semana Santa and Summer Vacation 2022", from April 10 – 18, 2022.

This follows the directive from the Department of Transportation putting all ports on heightened alert status in anticipation for the influx of passengers. Additional Malasakit Help Desk Centers were activated while posters containing hotline numbers of PPA and DOTr were also posted in the different port facilities nationwide.

PPA also reminded the sea-traveling public to plan their journey ahead to avoid any inconvenience. In addition, PPA is still strictly implementing the minimum COVID-19 health, safety, and travel protocols to prevent any possible outbreak considering the huge number of people flocking the ports at Lenten Season. ■

PPA contributes...from page 1

PPA General Manager Jay Daniel R. Santiago said this strong financial performance of the PPA is a testament to the sound fiscal foundation of the agency, a little over a hundred days before a new administration takes over at noon of 30 June 2022.

"PPA is in good standing right now due to the institutional changes implemented by the current administration to fulfill the mandate of the agency to improve and build ports to properly connect the archipelago and spur economic growth among the islands," Santiago said.

"Last, March 21, 2022, PPA, with Department of Transportation Secretary Art Tugade, remitted to the Department of Finance our dividend payment amounting to P4.08 billion representing 60% of PPA's P6.79 billion net income for the year 2021. The amount is 8.5% higher than what we remitted last year," Santiago added.

"We also increased the percentage of the dividend remittance from 57% in 2020 to 60% in 2021 to help the government in its COVID-19 response as well as offer enough flexibility in the delivery of services as the country starts to recover from the pandemic," Santiago added.

For the six-year period, the PPA was able to remit a total of P21.43 billion in dividend, which is P13.16 billion or 159% higher than the total dividend remittance recorded during the previous administration of P8.267 billion. From the total, the average annual dividend remitted to the Government during this administration is P3.57 billion compared to the P1.37 billion average during the span of 2010 to 2015.

It is quite interesting to note likewise that the dividends paid from 2016-2021 is 3% more than the total amount of dividends paid post-EDSA through 2015 totaling P20.81 billion.

In terms of taxes, the PPA during this current administration was able to pay a staggering amount of P22.55 billion, about P9.354 billion or 70% higher than the figure posted during the

previous administration.

For its net income for the period in review, the PPA was able to record P34.90 billion, which is P17.05 billion or 95.57% higher than the six-year net income posted in 2010-2015. From this figure, the PPA was able to post an average net income for the 2016-2021 period of P5.82 billion versus the annual average of P2.97 billion during the previous administration.

Before 30 June 2022, the PPA and the Department of Transportation (DOTr) are set to inaugurate at least 13 more completed port projects. The notable projects in this group include the Currimaio Port in Ilocos Norte, which is more than ready to handle bigger, more sophisticated cruise ships, the Bulan Port in Sorsogon to provide alternative jump-off point to Masbate and Cebu, the Banago Port in Negros Occidental to provide enough capacity for the burgeoning cargo traffic to and from the area, the Ports of Baybay and Palompon in Leyte to provide enough trade and tourism connectivity to Cebu and Bohol, and the completion of the passenger terminal buildings in Batangas and Calapan, which will be considered as two of the biggest terminals in the country.

"The projects that were completed also prepared the country to take in the shipping and logistical demands both from local and international players in the short- to mid- term as the world transition to the new normal," Santiago stressed.

"The remaining days of this administration are now focused on further streamlining systems and procedures to achieve seamless interconnectivity not only of the ports but also its processes, resulting in efficiency across all aspects of PPA operations," Santiago said.

"This is our small contribution to the advocacy of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte to give Filipinos convenient and comfortable lives when he steps down from office in June," Santiago added. ■

Updates

New port operator at the Port of Masao

Terminal management for the Port of Masao, under the PPA Port Management Office (PMO) of Agusan, has been officially turned over to Concord Arrastre and Stevedoring Corporation (CASCOR) on 02 June 2022.

Present during the turnover ceremony is PMO Agusan Port Manager Mildred Padilla together with MARINA Regional Director Manuel Batalla, representatives from various government agencies in the maritime sector, and other concerned shipping line operators and consignees.

The undertaking is part of the Port Terminal Management Regulatory Framework (PTMRF) in a bid to engage the active participation of the private sector in delivering higher quality port services to stakeholders at all ports under PPA.

With this, the public is expected to experience a more convenient, and improved port experience with the new terminal management operators as it is among the required responsibilities stipulated in their 15-year management and operations contract with the agency. ■

No Vaccine, No Ride Policy at Ports takes effect

The Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) limits the entry and access of unvaccinated passengers passing through PPA ports to, from and within National Capital Region as stipulated in Memorandum Circular No. 01-2022.

Mentioned order covers individuals who are traveling to, from, and within NCR including those who are living outside the region and work at the same, utilizing ports operated by PPA or even private ports in compliance with the "No Vaccination, No Ride Policy" under Department of Transportation (DOT) Department Order No. 2022-001.

Started on 13 January 2022 until NCR is at Alert Level 3, passengers entering ports are required to present proofs of vaccination including any of the following and supported by a valid government-issued Identification Document (ID) with picture and address: physical or digital copies of an LGU-issued vaccine ID; Department of Health (DOH)-issued vaccine certification; and any IATF-prescribed document. ■

PPA, PAI start capacity-building partnership

The Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) and the APEC/Port of Antwerp International (PAI) have started their capacity-building partnership in training PPA personnel, cargo handling operators, and other stakeholders in a bid to make Philippine ports responsive to the current times.



The workshop, conducted on 15 February to 25 March 2022, focused on Key Performance Indicators for Terminal Operators; Digitalization Adaptation Strategy; and Handling of Dangerous Goods.

PPA General Manager Jay Santiago, in his speech during the virtual opening ceremony held on 15 February 2022, said that the workshop is part of the 10-year Development Plan (2016-2025) to further professionalize the industry.

Santiago further emphasized that the activity shall provide participants a platform to learn about best practices of port operations from international agencies like PAI involving these subject matters due to their extensive port and terminal experience and a wide range of go-to experts.

The 53 participants to the workshop include 28 representatives from PPA, while the remaining 25 are representatives from Daruanak Port Services Corp., MLD Brokerage Arrastre

and Stevedoring Services, Omnico Natural Resources, Inc., Bluesky Arrastre and Stevedoring Services, Inc., Philippine Archipelago Ports and Terminal Services, Inc., Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority, Bacolod Real Estate Development Corp., Global Port Zamboanga Terminal, Inc., Southeast Seafront Services, Inc., and the Local Government of Buenavista in the province of Guimaras.

The workshop, meanwhile, is an offshoot of an agreement between PPA and the APEC-Port of Antwerp International (APEC-PAI) as approved by the PPA Board on 28 August 2020.

The agreement will establish technical cooperation on capacity building to enhance the skills, abilities, and knowledge in the management and operation of the port thereby creating an environment of well-trained, knowledgeable, and able port professionals for PPA while strengthening the traditional friendship between the parties and its ports. ■

Truckers laud PPA...from page1

"With several months more before this government steps down from power, we will be implementing several measures more to guarantee swift and convenient transaction with the PPA," Santiago said.

The documentary requirements for the TAPPP include:

1. Duly-filled-out Application Form with Omnibus Statement
2. Articles of Incorporation/Partnership (For corporation/partnership)
- Certificate of Registration (For sole proprietorship)
- Certificate of Corporation (For cooperative)

3. Latest Income Tax Return for existing entities
4. Proof of Authorization
 - a. Secretary's Certificate (For corporation/partnership/cooperative)
 - b. Authorization Letter signed by the sole proprietor (For single proprietor)
5. List of Trucks together with their Official Receipt (OR) and Certificate of Registration (CR) with Deed of Sale/Assignment/Transfer, as possible.

The TAPPP is valid for a period of 3 years from date of issuance. An application for renewal shall be filed not later than 60 days before expiration of the TAPPP.

A TAPPP needs to be valid and in order as it authorizes the service provider to perform or provide services inside PPA ports including harbors, fairways and extensions to ensure that port service providers in ports under PPA's jurisdiction comply with the health, safety, environmental and operational requirements of the port where the services will be rendered.

This also enables the PPA to monitor, supervise and direct the activities of the port service providers while inside the port as well as maintain a pool of qualified service providers to ensure continuous provision of adequate, safe, and reliable port services to port users. ■

Updates / Portside

PMO NOS conducts tree planting for the Siaton Port Improvement Project

In compliance with the requirements for the issuance of an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) for the Siaton Port Improvement Project, of PPA Port Management Office (PMO) Negros Oriental/Siquijor together with Liptong Woodland 4 conducted a tree planting activity on 17 May 2022.

Held in Brgy. Mantiquil, Siaton, some 400 seedlings of different native and indigenous species were planted. Port Manager Atty. Sarah R. Mijares and representatives from the DENR-Provincial Environment and Natural Resources (PENRO), and Liptong Woodland witnessed the activity.

Apart from complying with the conditions for ECC, the activity is likewise a manifestation of PPA's warm support to the United Nations' 15th Sustainable Development Goal (SDG), which is, Life on Land. ■

New Operator takes over Port of Surigao

The Port Management Office of Surigao formally turned over to GlobalPort Terminals, Inc., the management and operations of the Port of Surigao in a simple ceremony held on 29 April 2022.

PMO Surigao was led by Port Manager Froilan U. Caturla while GlobalPort was headed by Henry Rophen B. Virola. GlobalPort Ozamiz Terminal and joint venture partner Harbour Centre Port Holdings, Inc. won the 15-year management and operations contract of the Port of Surigao under the Port Terminal Regulatory Management Framework (PTRMF) for P1.07 billion.

The PTRMF is a proactive action of the Philippine Ports Authority to provide higher quality port service through a more active private sector participation while ensuring professional port services and workers.

The contract covers cargo handling, passenger and Ro-Ro services, and other port-related services at the Port of Surigao, the main gateway into and out of Surigao del Norte. ■

PPA, DSWD aid stranded Badjaos in North Harbor

The Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), in coordination with the Department of Social Welfare and Development-NCR (DSWD-NCR), aided about 58 Badjao-families who were stranded at the Manila North Harbor due to some changes in the existing COVID-19 health and safety protocol being implemented to include the no vax no ride policy on 20 January 2022.



The Badjaos also received a cash assistance amounting to P5,000 per family from the DSWD-NCR to cover for their tickets and other travel requirements in compliance with existing travel protocols of their LGU of destination. Sleeping kits including pillow, blanket sleeping mat and malong were also provided by the agency to the mentioned stranded passengers.

The PPA also temporarily roofed the passengers in a fully furnished facility inside the terminal with provision for food, goodies for children and snacks.

PPA General Manager Jay Daniel Santiago said PPA is doing its best, together with other government agencies and the Manila City government, to manage the situation of the stranded individuals. This is also in compliance with the directive from the DOTr Secretary issued on 19 January 2022.

"We are committed to help these stranded passengers until they safely return to their respective home provinces as Sec. Tugade already emphasized that returning home is an essential travel," GM Santiago said. ■

Stranded passengers at PPA ports due to Typhoon Agaton receive meals

The Port Management Offices (PMOs) of Surigao and Bicol provided meals to stranded passengers affected by voyage suspension due to Typhoon Agaton on 11 April 2022 at Ports of Surigao and Matnog, respectively.

During such inclement weather condition, the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) ensures that necessary assistance is being extended to affected passengers in consideration to humanitarian needs of individuals who are at the port for their supposed scheduled trips.

The Authority likewise exercises continuous and thorough monitoring of weather updates with highest consideration to everyone's safety at its facilities while strictly complying to travel advisories issued by concerned government agencies.

Meanwhile, the PPA reminds all sea-travelling passengers and tourists to closely coordinate their booked trips with the responsible shipping lines for possible changes on their voyage schedule before proceeding to ports during bad weather conditions.



In line with the drastic effects that Typhoon Odette has brought to Ports of Lipata, San Ricardo and Liloan on December 2021, PPA consistently advises the public that ports could be among the most dangerous places during the onslaught of weather disturbances thus, going and staying in it on those instances could pose risks to one's safety. ■

PPA PMO Zamboanga receives commendation from DA

The PPA Port Management Office (PMO) of Zamboanga del Norte recently received a Certificate of Commendation from the Department of Agriculture (DA) – Regional Office IX for their support on its campaign against the spread of African Swine Fever (ASF) in the province.



The certificate was awarded by the DA-RFO IX on 22 March 2022 during their port visit at PMO Zamboanga del Norte to personally recognize the Port Police officers behind this feat.

Aside from the stringent inspection of the PPA Port Police workforce to seize and halt

transportation of illegal drugs and goods at ports under its jurisdiction, the Authority also continuously monitors the passage of agricultural cargoes that are being shipped in all parts of the country in support to the implementation of the Food Safety Act. ■

PMO WLB receives Leadership award from DILG, LGU of Ormoc City

For its exemplary accomplishment and contribution to maintain a strong foundation of peace, security, public order and safety in Ormoc City, the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) Port Management Office of Western Leyte/ Biliran (PMO WLB) represented by Port Manager Bernard Calledo, received a leadership award from the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) VIII and the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Ormoc City on March 4, 2022.

Further, four (4) of its port police officers were also conferred with the same award for acting as force multipliers in ensuring public safety in the locality especially in all ports under the jurisdiction of the PMO.



While strictly implementing the minimum health and safety protocol to prevent COVID-19 transmission, PPA also guarantees that security is highly prioritized in its day-to-day operation at ports for the safety and security of the traveling public. ■

PMOs join 1st quarter Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill

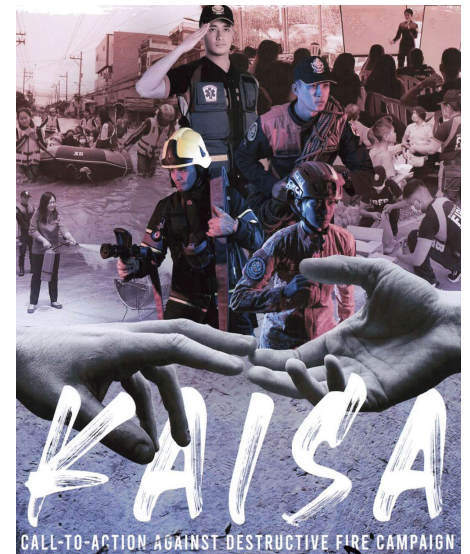
The different Port Management Offices (PMOs) of the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) joined the 1st quarter Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED) held on 10 March 2022, as part of the agency's disaster preparedness initiatives.

Employees and passengers inside the ports under the PMOs of Batangas, Mindoro, Misamis Occidental/Ozamiz, Lanao Del Norte/Iligan, and Zamboanga del Norte also participated in the activity.

The drill includes duck, cover and hold, proper building evacuation, rescue, first aid treatment, and firefighting response.

During the drill, PPA made sure that the minimum health protocol against COVID-19 was strictly observed. ■

PMO Surigao receives recognition from the BFP



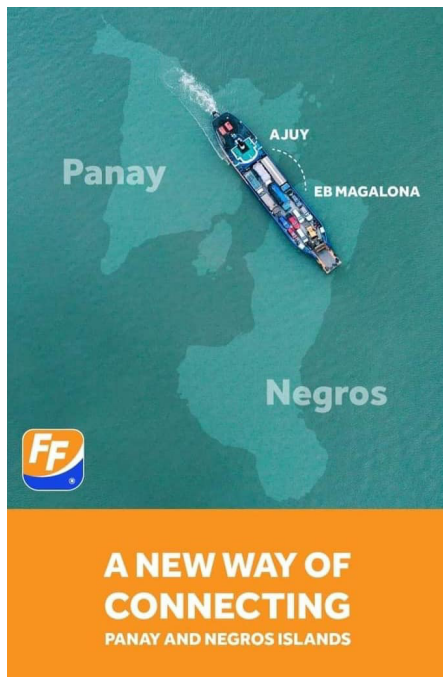
The PPA Port Management Office (PMO) Surigao recently received recognition from the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) for its Manifesto of Support for KAISA – the bureau's call-to-action against destructive fire.

PMO Surigao has been found eligible for the recognition after being considered as valued partner and assessed for long-term fire safety awareness efforts according to Port Manager Froilan Caturla.

BFP also recognizes the PMO's various fire safety and prevention initiatives while doing its business even those that are not perquisite to the issuance of Fire Safety Inspection Certificate (FSIC).

Lectures on fire safety, as well as actual fire drills, were likewise conducted at the Port of Surigao during the day of the awarding. ■

Portside



New route connecting Iloilo and Negros Occidental Opens

The new Roll On - Roll Off (Ro-Ro) route to and from Ajuy, Iloilo - Manta-angan Port, E.B. Magalona in Negros Occidental has been officially opened by the PPA Port Management Office (PMO) Negros Occidental/Bacolod/Banago and FF Cruz Shipping on 25 March 2022.

Expected to boost the economic growth in Iloilo and Northern Negros, the launching of the newest route was attended by the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) Port Management Office Negros Occidental/Bacolod/Banago-BREDCO, officials of MARINA, PCG, NEDA, DENR, DTI, DPWH, and representatives of the local government units of the two provinces.

The PPA, in aim to further provide convenience and comfort to sea travelers across the country, continuously supports and participates in such initiatives with the help of private sector. It is also coupled with the Authority's untiring efforts toward the improvement and modernization of its port facilities nationwide. ■

PPA extends grant of financial aid for 'Odette' relief, reconstruction efforts

The Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) has extended the grant of financial assistance to agencies and organizations involved in the relief and reconstruction efforts to areas devastated by tropical storm Odette using the ports directly under the Authority.

Pursuant to PPA Memorandum Circular 02-2022, the government share on Ro-Ro Terminal Fees (RRTF) collected from vehicles and rolling cargoes in all PPA ports was waived for the period March 29, 2022 to 30 June 2022.

Among the severely affected Odette-hit areas include Dinagat Island, Siargao and Surigao City in Surigao del Norte, Bohol, Palawan, as well as several areas in the Samar/Leyte provinces.

PMO Davao turns over siezed marine species to IGACOS LGU

Due to its close ties with the local government of the Island Garden City of Samal, operatives of the Philippine Ports Authority Port Management Office of Davao seized several marine and aquatic species banned from being taken out of the island by virtue of Republic Act No. 8550 or an act providing for the development, management, and conservation of the fisheries and aquatic resources.



Confiscated were eight (8) big shells, four (4) corals, three (3) 1.5-liter white sand, one (1) bag of pebbles, and one (1) bag of white sand. PMO Davao personnel turned over these items to the IGACOS local government on 27 April 2022.

According to IGACOS, the assets will be kept and displayed in the city's future museum, in a bid to further raise public awareness that collecting, afflicting harm, and destroying aquatic species on the island are against the law. ■

PANTALAN PMO Mindoro Chapter, TESDA MIMAROPA, conduct Outreach Program

In consonance with PPA's mantra "Malasakit at Serbisyo," the Port Management Office (PMO) of Mindoro, in collaboration with its employees' association, PANTALAN PMO Mindoro Chapter and TESDA MIMAROPA, conducted an Outreach Program and Livelihood Training at Barangays San Antonio and San Rafael, Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro on, 03 June 2022.

As a way of promoting the Authority's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in the upliftment and development of the port community, the activity included "ayudang bigas" for 200 families, 100 each from above-stated barangays wherein those with senior citizens and differently abled persons family member/s were prioritized.

Meanwhile, in coordination with TESDA - MIMAROPA, 20 participants from each barangay were provided with training on basic haircutting and cosmetology.

With the theme, "Equipping the Port Community with Livelihood Skills to Meet the Economic Challenges of the Pandemic," the initiative aims to provide the port community with livelihood skills to help them cope with economic challenges brought by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic through genuine spirit of volunteerism.

In return, each barangay expressed gratitude to the PMO as they recognized the importance of the activity and considered it as a huge step towards recovery. ■

PMO Panay/Guimaras gets 5-star rating

The Port Management Office (PMO) of Panay/Guimaras recently received a 5-star rating from the Department of Energy for their compliance with the mandatory implementation of the Government Energy Management Program (GEMP) stipulated under R.A. 11285 also known as "Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act."

The rating was conferred last 08 June 2022 after a spot check supervised by DOE Engineers. With this, PMO Panay/Guimaras was found to be compliant with a score of 94.74%, equivalent to a 5-star rating.

Such recognition underscores the Authority's efforts in supporting the initiatives of the national government on energy conservation. ■

Good Vibes / Portside



Serving with Extra Mile

PPA PMO Batangas Port Police Officer II Nerielyn R. Borbon, also a Registered Nurse, made sure of the safe and successful delivery of a newborn child whose mother gave birth by accident inside a tricycle while traversing the PPA port access road on their way to a nearby clinic on March 19, 2022.

After making sure that the baby and her mother are in stable condition, they were rushed to the Batangas Medical Center for proper care.

Kudos to PPOII Nerielyn R. Borbon, R.N. for going beyond her official duty. The PPA Port Police force and the entire PPA community are very honored to have you in our fold! ■



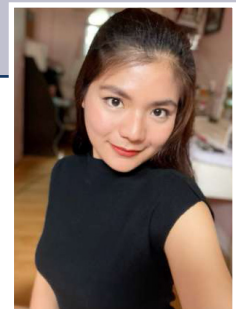
Passenger pleased with new Batangas Port PTB

A passenger who utilized the Port of Batangas last April 2022 expressed her joy as she witnessed various improvements at newly completed and partially opened Passenger Terminal Building (PTB) at the port.

Rischia Panganiban said that the new facility is definitely bigger, neater and contains more modern structural designs and equipment including the automatic ticket-reader gates that bring huge convenience to the passengers.

The modern PTB in Batangas Port was built by its terminal operator, Asian Terminal, Inc., which can accommodate more than 4,000 passengers at a given time. ■

"I was surprised to see how modern it is compared to the previous one. I have experiences in both the previous and the new one and I would say that there are major improvements especially the waiting area and the ticket selling booth. In the newly opened port, everything is indoors. From the ticket selling counter, check-in counter, and payment area for the port fee. There is also an automatic ticket gates where you just have to scan the ticket for you to enter to the waiting area. The waiting area is also improved because there was a large travel information system available wherein passengers could easily see their trips and its schedule."



Serbisyon Malasakit Caravan at the Ports of Ipil and Pagadian

The Ports of Ipil and Pagadian, under the Port Management Office (PMO) of Zamboanga, conducted its "Serbisyon Malasakit Caravan" in a bid to bring Government services closer to the people on 26-27 May 2022.



The caravan is a collaborative effort of the Business Development and Marketing Unit, Safety and Environment Units, and Port Police Division of PMO Zamboanga where services offered include the conduct of Basic Port Operation Seminar, (BPOS) and processing of stakeholders' Certificate of Accreditation, Permit to Operate, Transportation Accreditation Permits, Passes at Ports (TAPPP) and Port Users and Vehicle Pass/ID.

The activation of the caravan is part of the One-Stop-Shop (OSS) initiative of PMO

Zamboanga to make port services more accessible for its stakeholders such as processing of permits and other necessary requirements for the issuance of pertinent certifications from the Authority.

On the first day of the activity, six (6) companies transacting in both ports have already benefited from the initiative. This likewise save the beneficiaries from traveling the distance of 270 kilometers in going to the Baseport to undertake the processing of their permits/certificates. ■

Port of Cagayan de Oro activates Crew Change One-Stop-Shop (OSS)

The Port of Cagayan de Oro, under the PPA Port Management Office (PMO) of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro, activated its Crew Change One-Stop-Shop (OSS) on 30 May 2022, serving as the 12th OSS inaugurated by the Department of Transportation Maritime Sector nationwide.

Port Manager Isidro V. Butasac, Jr. and DOTr Assec. for Maritime Narciso Vingson, Jr. led the ribbon cutting ceremony, together with the Local Government officials of Cagayan de Oro, Office of Civil Defense – Region X, Bureau of Quarantine, Bureau of Customs, Philippine Coast Guard Northern Mindanao, and other concerned government agencies.

The OSS assists embarking and disembarking seafarers including the administration of RT-PCR testing and other necessary procedures at triage before undergoing the mandatory quarantine at a government-accredited quarantine facility.

The crew change hub is a response to the call of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) on the crew change crisis due to COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, this initiative recognizes the important role of seafarers in keeping the maritime sector operational despite the ongoing health crisis. ■

GAD Corner / Updates



GAD Corner

Celebration of International Women's Day at the Philippine Ports Authority on 08 March 2022.

Together, we can **#BreakTheBias** for a sustainable future for gender equality.



PMO NCR South conducts live bomb-threat SIMEX

The Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) Port Management Office (PMO) of NCR-South, through its Port Police Division (PPD), conducted a live Simulation Exercise (SIMEX) on bomb threat/attack, drug interdiction and arson scenarios on June 8, 2022 at Terminal Management Office of Pasig.

The simulation was spearheaded by Station Commander Billy L. Estrada, in cooperation and participation by the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), the Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), and the Manila Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO).

The SIMEX is in line with PPA's continuing efforts in maintaining enhanced security protocol especially in ensuring the effective implementation of established procedures and management in handling terrorist acts and other related criminal activities at

ports under its management nationwide.

Further, the activity is part of the PMO's compliance with the International Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code and National Security Program for Sea Transport and Maritime Infrastructure (NSPSTMI).

The event was witnessed by Port Manager Eligio Fortajada, Port Police Superintendent Genaro Mancio, and PMO NCR South Division Managers Rosalio Ferrer, Luzviminda dela Cruz, Charisma Reyes, SEMO Christine Bautro, and other port users and stakeholders. ■

