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NMP honors loyal employees

Tacloban City – Marking its 33rd founding anniversary on May 1, the National Maritime Polytechnic held its commemorative program on the night of May 5, 2011 to honor 18 employees of their long years of dedicated service to the agency.

In his anniversary message, Atty. Josephus B. Jimenez-NMP OIC Executive Director congratulates and salutes the loyalty awardees. According to him, long stay in the organization is a strong indication of loyalty however same cannot be the sole yardstick of one's loyalty. Loyalty to the agency is also measured on account of an employee's self-denial or sacrifice especially during its trying and hard times. He epitomizes loyalty to faithfulness, trustworthiness and obedience.

His announcement on the early release of the midyear bonus on May 10 and the third tranche of the salary increase for government employees effective June 1 per Pres. Aquino's pronouncement got roaring applause from the excited NMP employees.



Associate Professor Evelyn Peñaranda-Canono, who delivered the acceptance speech in behalf of the 2011 Loyalty Awardees, took a recollection of her three decades of loyal service to a then young and newly established NMP. Reminiscing the past, she said, *“Operating on a less than a million annual budget, NMP had only 20 approved plantilla positions, and although*

holding a teaching position, I was acting as Registrar, Records Officer, Collecting/Disbursing Officer, Supply Officer as well as Billeting Officer, all at the same time”. And for all these, her greatest reward was when Capt. Benjamin Tañedo, founding president of NMP expressed his appreciation for her during one of NMP's anniversary celebrations by saying *“I never had anyone for a staff like Evelyn, doing the Herculean job of managing the office without complaint”*. I felt elated and richly rewarded after having heard this from Capt. Tañedo, she confessed.

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Indeed, even without the monetary reward, such simple gestures like a pat on the back or words of appreciation from a boss do wonders to an ordinary employee like Evelyn.

As a trainor, she believes that she has contributed to the growth and success of our seafarers by molding them to become better seafarers. She also cited her being chosen as Philippine representative to a JICA-sponsored training on Administration for Seamen's Education and Training held in Japan as one of the highlights of her life at NMP.

Prof. Canono's last words of advice to her NMP colleagues were, *"When nothing makes sense and you are confused and frustrated, never talk against your source of bread and butter!"* That is how I survive with all the rigors of my life at NMP, she concluded.

All the awardees received cash and service plaques. Shortly after dinner was served, NMP employees took turns in the cultural presentation featuring Philippine folk dances to the delight of everyone including guests, people from the local media and some family members of NMP staff.

Also gracing the occasion were RD Forter Puguon (DOLE8) and staff, RD German Palabyab (PRC8), Rev. Fr. Virgilio Murillo and ABS-CBN Showtime finalist- Leyte's Zero Gravity whose hip-hop dance number added cheers and merriment to the celebration. (MARIA SANDRA M. GALLARDO)

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