

PGMA inaugurates Php 48.3 million worth training simulators

Tacloban City - Inauguration of the new training simulators installed at the National Maritime Polytechnic (NMP) Tacloban Training Complex is held today with no less than President Gloria M. Arroyo as guest of honor.



These state-of-the-art simulators namely, full-mission bridge simulator, full-mission engine room simulator, liquid cargo handling simulator with integrated computer-based assessment cost Php 48.3 M procured thru the Procurement Service of the Department of Budget and Management early this year.

Acquisition of these simulators is primarily intended for Filipino merchant marine officers and ratings taking up upgrading courses at NMP. Upon completion of their course, it is expected that they gain the knowledge and competence in operating navigational equipment in a ship's bridge, monitor and control the operation of a ship's engine and electrical power plant, or operate equipment used in handling liquid cargoes. Ultimately, the Filipino seafarers will remain competitively employed in the international maritime labor market which will help increase the dollar reserves that fuels the Philippines economy.

Having these simulators is another milestone for NMP as it pursues its mandate of providing quality training at affordable cost to Filipino workforce who opted employment onboard ships, NMP OIC Grace Marie T. Ayaso said.

She further informed that with these new simulators, the NMP also look forward to become a one-stop center for the training and assessment requirements of its seafarer-clients.

President Arroyo has manifest her relentless support to our Filipino seafarers by approving the required funding appropriation to the NMP, the country's only government-owned maritime training center for seafarers.

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