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NMP joins the Day of the Seafarer celebrations

Tacloban City - In observance of the Day of the Seafarer on June 25, the National Maritime Polytechnic (NMP), an attached agency of the Department of Labor and Employment, will join the local and international maritime community in paying tribute to the world seafarers.

NMP Executive Director Josephus B. Jimenez announced that a special Thanksgiving Mass for the Blessings of the Seafarers will be held today at the NMP boat davit area. Floral and Candle Offering for the departed seafarers will be released and floated off the San Juanico Strait immediately after.

“In honoring our Filipino seafarers and NMP trainees, we will host a sundown picnic for those who are currently enrolled, taking up their upgrading courses at the NMP Tacloban Complex. We expect our trainees to actively take part and enjoy the fun and games prepared for them”, Dir. Jimenez said. Tokens will be given away as a gesture of gratitude and compliment.

NMP will also give free training on Anti-Piracy Course for Seafarers on June 24, July 1, July 8 and July 15. Piracy at sea is among the perils and challenges that international seafarers are facing especially while on the high seas. The anti-piracy course, which NMP developed together with the Maritime Training Council as commissioned by the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA), is mandatory for all seafarers prior to their shipboard deployment pursuant to POEA MC 02 series of 2010.

This yearly global celebration has started in 2010 when IMO Member States approved a resolution declaring every 25th day of June as the “Day of the Seafarer” in a Diplomatic Conference held in Manila where major revisions to the International Convention on the Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW Convention) for seafarers and its associated Code were adopted.

Along this line, President Benigno C. Aquino III has signed Proclamation No. 183 on June 3, 2011 as the Day of the Filipino Seafarer in recognition of their invaluable contribution to the national development efforts and as “sailing ambassadors” of the country demonstrating before the global maritime community the best traits of the Filipino.

MARINA, the lead agency in the observance of the Day of the Pinoy Seafarer, has the theme “Maraming Salamat, Marinong Pinoy!”, an adaptation of the “Thank you seafarers” online campaign of the IMO. (MARIA SANDRA M. GALLARDO)

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