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### **Former senior labor official now heads the NMP**

Tacloban City - Former DOLE Undersecretary and Labor Attache, Atty. Josephus B. Jimenez assumes the helm of the National Maritime Polytechnic (NMP) vice Ms. Grace Marie T. Ayaso. The ceremonial turnover took place in the grounds of the NMP Administration Building on May 2, 2011 with the presence of regional directors of DOLE-RCC member agencies led by RD Forter Puguon-DOLE and DOLE-RCC chairman, Engr. Juan Sabulao-TESDA and Mr. Florencio Aguilos-RTWPB, NMP officials, staff and trainees.

In his acceptance speech delivered mostly in Filipino, Director Jimenez bared his governance policy (patakaran) which he enumerated as *kasipagan* (diligence), *katapatan* (integrity), *pagkakaisa* (solidarity), quality of work and pro-people. These values were further expounded by him in clear language that can be understood even by the lowest rank personnel of NMP. According to him, under his leadership, all plans and programs are henceforth anchored on these values.



Atty. Josephus B. Jimenez

Jimenez also stressed that leaders should led by example and went on to say, “*kailangan ang leader walang papaboran, kailangan may transparency, may accountability, kailangan cuentas claras*”. He was emphatic in saying that as public servants, we should be good stewards of government funds. Such is in line with President Aquino’s transparency in government financial transactions and use of public funds and the values propagated by Secretary Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz.

As he accepted the duties and responsibilities of the office, he vowed to work in partnership with NMP to achieve its goals and objectives.

A law professor in different universities and author of several law books, he plans to teach international laws and conventions to seafarers and share his expertise through conduct of free training on various laws as his legacy to the NMP staff.

A successful labor relations practitioner and human resources development expert, Director Jimenez puts premium on human capital as the most important resource which should be developed, safeguarded and defended. He thus urged everyone to nurture the NMP trainees, faculty members and each member of the organization.

Ms. Ayaso, on the other hand, extended her gratitude and best wishes to the incoming Executive Director. Her 3-year stint as leader of the NMP was marked with notable accomplishments especially on major acquisition and upgrading of NMP training simulators and equipment. (MARIA SANDRA M. GALLARDO)

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