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Government Step up fight against piracy at sea

The Philippine government takes another stride to address piracy at sea and protect its sea-based workforce through mandatory attendance to anti-piracy awareness training prior to shipboard deployment.

In support to the government's intervention, the National Maritime Polytechnic, the country's only state-run maritime training center, developed and pilot tested the Anti-Piracy Course for Seafarers. The course aims to prepare Filipino seafarers on appropriate responses to attempted attacks and employ measures to minimize danger to the crew and ship in case pirates take over the vessel.

Attendance to the course is mandatory but at no cost to the seafarers pursuant to POEA Memo Circular No. 2 series of 2010. Non-complying manning agencies or foreign principals will be imposed sanctions under POEA Rules and Regulations.

Piracy and armed robbery at sea is a crime of global concern posing extreme hazards not only to the lives of hostage seafarers but also hinders transport of goods affecting international trade and commerce. Undeniably, the world's economy depends largely on shipping in transporting bulk cargoes and goods.

As the number one labor provider to the world's maritime fleets, the government through its regulatory bodies and training institution continuously adopts relevant measures to safeguard the well-being of Filipino seafarers, one of which is by arming them with appropriate knowledge through attendance to anti-piracy course. (MARIA SANDRA M. GALLARDO)

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