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The Voyages

Murallos assumes post as 8th NMP Executive Director

The National Maritime Polytechnic (NMP) has a former colleague now at its helm. Taking his oath of office on October 15, 2007, newly appointed Executive Director Genis S. Murallos proceeded to the NMP Tacloban Training Complex for the formal turnover ceremonies held two days after he was sworn into office.

Director Murallos is a graduate of the Philippine Merchant Marine Academy Class 1983 and completed his masteral degree in management from the University of the Philippines Tacloban.

He first entered the NMP in 1985, assumed important designations at the Maritime Training Division and was thus instrumental in the agency's effective operations. He left the NMP in 1993 to manage a family business and re-entered the government service as Executive Assistant to the Provincial Governor of Southern Leyte. His proficiency, dedication and dependability earned for him several awards to include the Outstanding Employee-Department Head Category for two consecutive years, in 2005 and 2006.

With his background in the maritime field, significant exposures in local govern-



NMP Executive Director Genis S. Murallos took his oath of office in Malacang with Her Excellency President Gloria M. Arroyo administering the oath.

ment administration and outstanding characteristics, the NMP hopes to maintain its leadership in maritime education and training and improve service delivery to its clients, the Filipino seafarers. **(SMG)**

NMP joins 1st Phil Manning Convention

PRPD Chief, Ms. Grace Marie T. Ayaso joined other maritime stakeholders in the 1st Philippine Manning Convention held last November 12-13, 2007 in Manila organized to address the global shortage of seafarers.

Ms. Ayaso said that the Convention showcased the industry's various strategies and action plan in meeting the global demand for officers detailing "what we have done," "what we are still doing" and "what we expect from other industry sectors such as the government and ship owners".

There were paper presentations from the AMOSUP, PRC, OWWA, CHED, MTC, TESDA, POEA, DFA, NLRC, NCMB and MARINA.

Mr. Eric Marquez, Secretary of FAME/PAMAS/JPMCC and representative of

the Joint Manning Industry group delivered *The Philippine Report: "A Consensual and Strategic Approach"*.

Five representatives from the ship owner's group gave their respective association's responses to the Philippine Report. They are representatives from the Japanese Shipowners Association, Norwegian Shipping Association, International Mariners Management Association of Japan, International Maritime Employers' Committee, Ltd. and International Ship Managers' Association.

Labor Chief Arturo D. Brion presented the government's response and action plan for the next 3-5 years, particularly those of DOLE attached agencies. He also shared the "One Agency Approach" in the delivery of

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This issue of the Voyages features a more concise, clear and current view on the events, activities and personalities of the agency. As an in-house production, the new Voyages will come out once every two months in two-pages format. Please feel free to submit articles, contributions, comments or feedback. These, however, will be subject to the review of the Editorial Board.

TRAINEES' ADVISORY

2008 TRAINING SKED

The 2008 Training Schedule for Tacloban and Makati is now available at the Registrar's Office, the Information & Marketing Section, Public Assistance Counter and the NMP website.

PASYADA Program

Trainees availing the NMP PASYADA Program are entitled to a 30% discount on dormitory fees. Pls. inquire from the Dorm Front Desk Clerks, NMPSA (09194304221), SWAPI (09204814494), DOT Reg 8 (325-5279) or visit our website at www.nmp.gov.ph

TRAINEES' ORIENTATION

Trainees are advised to attend the Orientation held every Tuesday @ 4pm, Rm 109.

DOLE services in his closing message.

The NMP, as the training arm of the government should actively participate in the HRD programs for Filipino seafarers, according to Ms. Ayaso.

She further added that the maritime manpower is a very rich ground for research and NMP should continue to play its leadership role in this area and provide the industry with empirical data that can be used for policy review and development. **(MGA)**

THE CITY UNDER

Six o'clock in the afternoon, when the sun starts to kiss the west land, a conglomerate of insects from crawlers to flying ones start to party with their best act of the moment. Given only a limited time to breathe and feel the earth so strange as they are scheduled to be targets of more superior creatures of the planet. That's the "takipsilim phenomenon".

The party place?

10.5 kms north of Tacloban City is the 2.16 km winding mega structure known as the San Juanico Bridge—a design of post tensioning technology, carbon fiber reinforced slabs that unites the twin islands of Leyte and Samar. The place is sidelined by the gifted and less explored mountains of Bagahupi and Naga-naga of the Leyte island and Mt. Danglay of Samar island which valley the worlds narrowest navigable channel, the San Juanico Strait, mangroved around to be home of crabs, wild ducks, reptiles and the other "takipsilim party goers".

How's the party?

Millions or could be billions of creatures crawl and fly over the place during the regular daily schedule of the "takipsilim". That gives way to reptiles to go out and hunt. But there is a civilization of clannish birds who fly by in millions. They dance, swift the air, ride the wind, kiss the sea, traffic the place and most of all, feast on the insects. They are the Balinsasayao, the Layang-layangs. On that place, they dominate the party.

The city under?

Yes, the balinsasayaos outdo the human engineering. They built their city under the bridge. They made structures out of the earth, grass and their saliva, an advance adhesive that sustains their homes over hang under



the carbon fiber and concrete bridge, keeping the whole cities safe from wind, rain, cold and from the sun's extreme heat. They don't need anymore the caves men destroyed, they found a new home—their City Under.

Want to party?

Walk the bridge before dark and see for yourself. Board a kayak or banca and paddle under the bridge, only then you could party with them.

As witnesses, on 16 September 2007, yours truly with Team Leyte Adventure Team, on the day they ran non-stop Tacloban City to San Juanico Bridge, paddled slalom on the bridge posts and swam back to Leyte Park Hotel covering 25 kms, 3 disciplines in 6 hrs as part of advance training in preparation to the Carrera Habagat 2007, the Bucas Grande-Siargao traverse, the Philippines toughest Outdoor Adventure Race on 22-26 October 2007. **The party never stops.(TPM)**

Abelinde returns from Korea

Associate Professor Leopoldo Abelinde undergo training on June 3-18, 2007 for a scholarship on Ocean Observation and Hydrographic Surveying sponsored by the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA).

The scholarship allows Abelinde actual observation on how ocean current is measured, the salinity content of seawater and observe how to gather data from the ocean floor/ seabed.

The knowledge gained will be imparted to seafarers especially in the navigation field — data needed for safe navigation including tidal changes, sea current, the waves and wind which play a great role in the movement of ships in coastal areas.

Last July 8-23, 2006 KOICA also accepted 2M Edgar J. Amoin to the same training. **(IOF)**

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NMP PARTICIPATES IN THE 11TH ANNUAL GLOBALMET CONFERENCE



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A posterity pose by participants of the GlobalMet Conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

NMP Executive Director Genis S. Murallos together with Planning, Research and Project Development (PRPD) Division Chief Grace Marie T. Ayaso attended the 11th Annual GlobalMET Conference held last October 31 to November 2, 2007 in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia. Speakers and delegates from over 18 countries joined the event.

Key maritime training professionals presented their papers. The NMP's PRPD Chief Grace Marie T. Ayaso, who was chosen as sole presenter from the Philippines, presented a paper on "Factors Affecting Career Progression of Filipino Merchant Marine Officers to STCW '95 Management Level Position". A study conducted by NMP in 2005, the research looks into the profile of Filipino management level officers, including personal and occupational factors affecting career progression.

The NMP presentation was well received by delegates coming from the different GlobalMET member institutions and other maritime stakeholders. The conference was a good venue for NMP to present its completed researches and establish linkages with industry players.

The GlobalMET Conference (formerly AMETIAP) hosted this year by the Malaysian Maritime Academy (ALAM), is the leading regional conference on maritime education and training that aims to bring together academics, researchers, professionals and practitioners to discuss developments, technologies, strategies and opportunities in the maritime industry.

The conference is also aimed at creating a platform for knowledge sharing and collaborations among academicians, researchers, practitioners and maritime personnel in their goal of producing high quality maritime education and training. **(MGA)**

Health is Wealth!!!



DRA. SUSAN P. DOLINA, Medical Specialist/Cancer Coordinator of the DOH Regional Office was guest speaker during the Forum on Women and Cancer held in Nov. 16, 2007. Topics focus on warning signals for common cancers affecting women like breast, cervix and lung cancer.